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Consumer Price Index ◆ January 2005

Highlights

- BC's Consumer Price Index rose 2.3% from January 2004. The greatest year-over-year increase in the CPI was shared by Prince Edward Island and Manitoba, both at 2.9%. Albertans continue to enjoy the lowest inflation among the provinces with a 1.5% increase, followed closely by Ontario with 1.6%. Nationally, prices rose 2.0% from January 2004.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Winnipeg posted the highest increase in the CPI from last January at 2.9%, while residents of Toronto enjoyed the lowest increase at 1.0%, followed by Calgary with a 1.2% increase. Over the same period, the CPI in Vancouver and Victoria rose 2.5%.

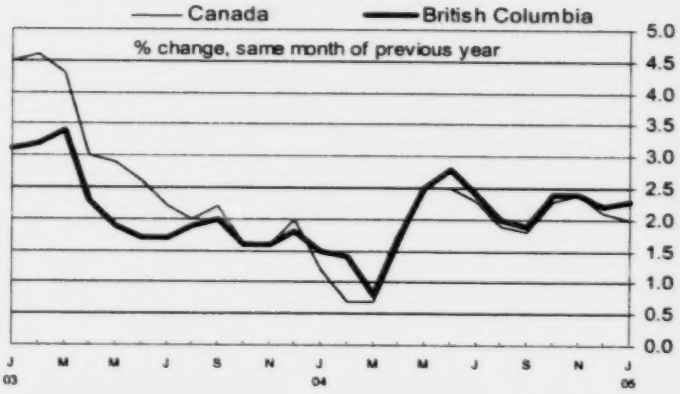
- Energy prices continue to contribute to rising inflation as BC residents paid more for fuel oil (+18.5%), gasoline (+11.5%), electricity (+4.9%), and piped gas (+4.3%) compared to January 2004. Significant price increases were also recorded for education (10.0%), meat (+7.6%), women's clothing (+5.4%), and beer (+5.4%). Offsetting these increases were lower costs for fresh vegetables (-6.7%), fish and seafood (-4.7%), and non-alcoholic beverages (-2.6%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 2.1% higher than in January 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.2%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the February Consumer Price Index on March 23, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	January 2005	December 2004	January 2004
Canada	125.3	-0.1	2.0
BC	123.6	0.1	2.3
Vancouver	124.3	0.1	2.5
Victoria	123.6	0.0	2.5
Core Canada[1]	125.1	-0.1	1.6

BC and Canada Inflation Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in Jan. 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	124.8	1.9	1.9
BC	123.1	2.1	2.0
Vancouver	123.7	2.1	2.0
Victoria	123.0	2.3	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, intercity transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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January 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index January 2005	% Change December 2004	% Change January 2004	Index January 2005	% Change December 2004	% Change January 2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**123.6**	**0.1**	**2.3**	**125.3**	**-0.1**	**2.0**
Food	**125.6**	**-0.2**	**1.2**	**126.8**	**-0.3**	**2.5**
Food Purchased From Stores	122.8	-0.3	0.7	125.6	-0.6	2.5
Meat	135.0	2.0	7.6	137.4	0.5	6.5
Fish & Other Seafood	124.0	1.6	-4.7	121.5	0.6	-1.1
Dairy Products & Eggs	127.2	-0.1	-0.3	128.4	0.2	2.7
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	124.5	-0.8	1.8	131.3	-0.5	3.4
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	105.5	-2.0	0.1	109.1	-1.7	3.2
Fresh Fruit	99.2	-3.6	-1.0	110.6	-2.8	4.8
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	100.5	-9.4	-4.8	111.1	-8.5	-3.6
Fresh Vegetables	96.2	-12.2	-6.7	111.8	-10.8	-5.3
Other Food Products	129.0	3.1	-0.2	124.7	1.9	1.5
Coffee & Tea	132.3	1.8	-1.5	128.2	-0.1	1.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	83.3	11.7	-2.6	104.7	7.6	1.7
Food Purchased From Restaurants	131.9	0.0	2.2	130.3	0.2	2.5
Shelter	**107.2**	**0.1**	**2.7**	**122.4**	**0.1**	**3.1**
Rented Accommodation	116.0	0.0	0.6	119.0	0.0	0.8
Owned Accommodation	94.8	0.1	3.0	116.1	0.0	3.2
Property taxes	153.5	0.0	3.7	132.1	0.0	4.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	153.3	0.4	5.5	152.9	0.5	6.3
Electricity	112.2	0.0	4.9	122.6	-0.7	3.5
Piped Gas	225.2	-0.4	4.3	218.0	2.5	6.5
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	177.7	-1.1	18.5	185.9	-0.6	20.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	**122.5**	**0.0**	**-0.1**	**115.3**	**0.0**	**0.3**
Household Operations	130.1	-0.1	0.2	120.9	0.1	0.8
Household Furnishings	111.6	0.1	-0.8	106.7	-0.1	-0.4
Clothing & Footwear	**112.2**	**2.2**	**2.7**	**100.0**	**-0.8**	**-2.2**
Clothing	108.9	3.1	2.6	96.0	-1.0	-4.1
Women's Clothing	114.0	7.2	5.4	95.8	-0.6	-5.2
Men's Clothing	106.4	-2.2	-0.7	98.1	-1.9	-2.6
Children's Clothing	97.0	3.7	2.0	90.9	0.1	-3.7
Footwear	110.3	0.4	0.6	101.4	-0.4	0.4
Transportation	**144.2**	**0.1**	**4.2**	**146.3**	**0.3**	**2.9**
Private Transportation	140.4	0.2	4.2	143.7	0.4	2.7
Operation of Motor Vehicles	149.0	1.1	7.7	156.2	1.8	4.8
Gasoline	157.3	0.6	11.5	146.2	2.5	8.6
Public Transportation	179.8	-1.2	4.3	174.5	-1.0	3.7
Local & Commuter	149.9	2.6	3.3	149.7	1.1	2.3
Inter-City	192.0	-2.4	4.7	194.3	-2.3	4.6
Health & Personal Care	**125.9**	**-0.2**	**2.5**	**119.0**	**-0.1**	**1.1**
Health Care	130.6	-0.2	2.4	125.4	0.0	2.3
Personal Care	121.2	0.0	2.9	113.9	-0.3	-0.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	**131.5**	**-0.8**	**2.2**	**125.5**	**-1.1**	**0.2**
Recreation	114.5	-1.1	-0.5	110.7	-1.6	-1.1
Education & Reading	195.8	0.1	8.7	182.0	0.2	3.6
Education	208.5	0.0	10.0	201.4	0.0	3.5
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	154.1	0.6	2.7	144.8	0.7	3.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**143.4**	**0.3**	**1.8**	**145.1**	**0.4**	**3.1**
Alcoholic Beverages	124.5	0.2	3.8	126.2	0.4	2.7
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	121.8	0.2	4.5	125.6	0.6	2.5
Beer Purchased from Stores	143.4	0.0	5.4	136.8	1.0	3.3
Liquor Purchased from Stores	104.3	0.3	3.3	110.6	0.7	1.5
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	160.0	0.4	-0.4	145.0	0.5	3.5
Cigarettes	159.9	0.4	-0.3	143.7	0.5	3.5
All-Items Excluding Food	123.1	0.1	2.5	125.1	-0.1	1.9
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	120.7	0.0	2.3	125.3	-0.2	1.9
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	120.7	0.1	2.1	122.6	-0.2	1.2

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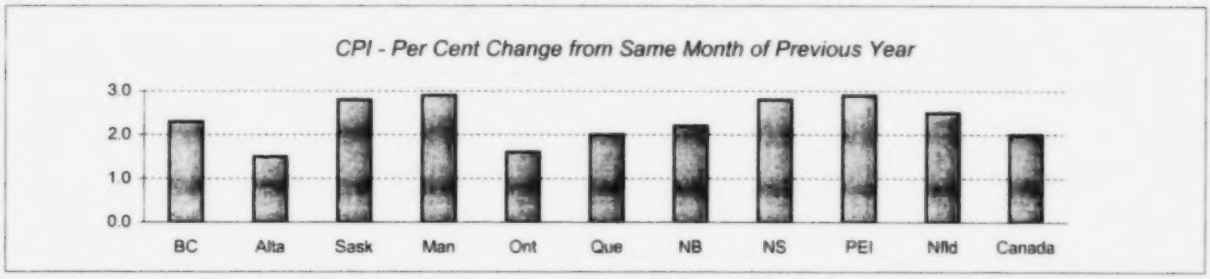
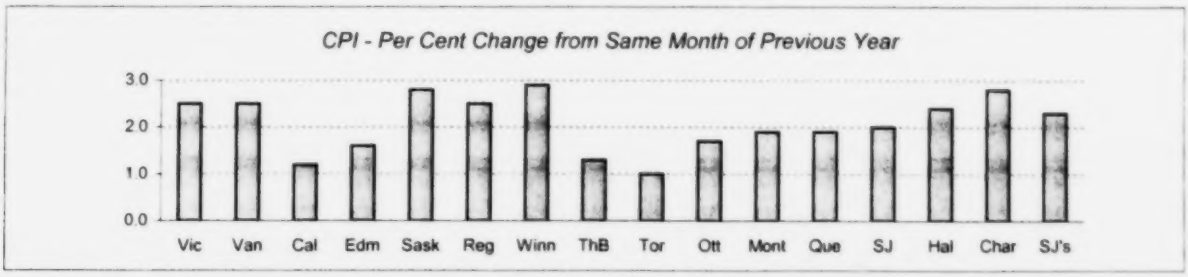
Provinces	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	January 2005	December 2004	January 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	125.3	-0.1	2.0	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	123.9	-0.2	2.5	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	125.3	-0.9	2.9	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	127.0	-0.4	2.8	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	125.2	0.0	2.2	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	121.6	0.1	2.0	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	126.2	-0.2	1.6	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	129.2	-0.5	2.9	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	130.6	-0.2	2.8	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	131.7	-0.4	1.5	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**123.6**	**0.1**	**2.3**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	121.3	-0.8	2.0	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	121.8	-0.3	3.1	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	102.0	-0.2	2.0	101.2	100.2	1.0



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	January 2005	December 2004	January 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	123.7	-0.2	2.3	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	124.3	-0.8	2.8	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	125.8	-0.3	2.4	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	124.7	-0.1	2.0	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	122.3	0.2	1.9	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	121.6	0.1	1.9	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	127.9	-0.2	1.7	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	126.6	-0.2	1.0	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	123.9	-0.3	1.3	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	129.3	-0.5	2.9	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	131.3	-0.3	2.5	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	129.8	-0.2	2.8	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	130.1	-0.2	1.6	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	132.5	-0.5	1.2	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**124.3**	**0.1**	**2.5**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**123.6**	**0.0**	**2.5**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**



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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1	1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4	1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2	0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7	1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8	2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2	2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2	2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1	2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2	1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0	2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2	2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2	2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005											
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.6	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1	1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2	0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3	0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2	1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9	2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1	2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1	2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2	1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1	1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2	2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4	2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2	2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005											
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1

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BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7

[1] electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6

** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

January 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2 / 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 / 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 / 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 / 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 / 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 / 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 / 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 / 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 / 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 / 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 / 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 / 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 / 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1 / 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 / 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 / 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 / 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 / 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 / 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 / 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0 / 2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
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Nov	123.8	0.2 / 2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2 / 2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	135.0
2005						
Jan	123.6	0.0 / 2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2

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Consumer Price Index ◆ February 2005

Highlights

- Both Canada's and BC's Consumer Price Index rose 2.1% from February 2004. The greatest year-over-year increase in the CPI was in Yellowknife at 3.7%. Albertans continue to enjoy the lowest inflation among the provinces with a 1.5% increase, followed by Whitehorse and Iqaluit with 1.8% and Quebec with 1.9%.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Winnipeg continued to post the highest increase in the CPI from last February at 3.2%, while residents of Calgary enjoyed the lowest increase at 1.3%, followed closely by Toronto with a 1.4% increase. Over the same period, the CPI in Vancouver rose 2.1% and Victoria 2.4%.

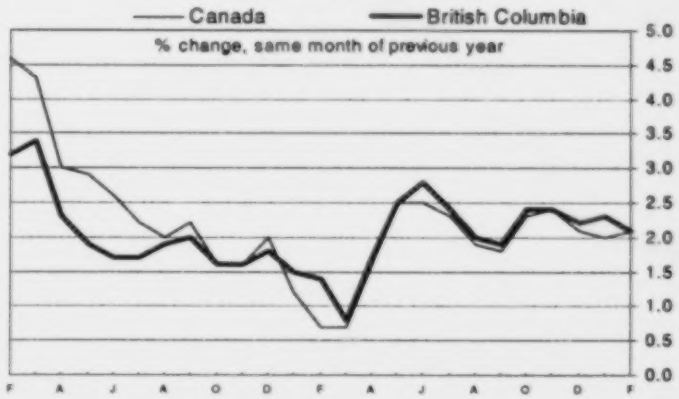
- Energy prices continue to contribute to rising inflation as BC residents paid more for fuel oil (+27.3%), gasoline (+10.1%), education (+10.0%), and women's clothing (+6.3%) compared to February 2004. Significant price increases were also recorded for public transportation (+5.0%) and electricity (4.9%). Offsetting these increases were lower costs for fresh vegetables (-9.1%), fish and seafood (-6.7%), fresh fruit (-5.3%) and children's clothing (-4.6%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 2.0% higher than in February 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.5%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the March Consumer Price Index on April 22, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	February 2005	January 2005	February 2004
Canada	125.8	0.4	2.1
BC	123.8	0.2	2.1
Vancouver	124.4	0.1	2.1
Victoria	123.9	0.2	2.4
Core Canada[1]	125.5	0.3	1.8

BC and Canada Inflation Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in Jan. 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	125.0	2.0	1.9
BC	123.3	2.1	2.0
Vancouver	123.9	2.1	2.0
Victoria	123.2	2.4	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, intercity transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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February 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index February 2005	% Change January 2005	% Change February 2004	Index February 2005	% Change January 2005	% Change February 2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**123.8**	**0.2**	**2.1**	**125.8**	**0.4**	**2.1**
Food	**123.3**	**-1.8**	**0.1**	**126.6**	**-0.2**	**2.6**
Food Purchased From Stores	119.2	-2.9	-1.1	125.1	-0.4	2.5
Meat	132.6	-1.8	2.4	138.0	0.4	6.0
Fish & Other Seafood	120.2	-3.1	-6.7	121.9	0.3	-0.3
Dairy Products & Eggs	126.0	-0.9	-1.4	129.9	1.2	3.4
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	122.3	-1.8	-0.4	131.6	0.2	2.9
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	96.6	-8.4	-3.8	106.1	-2.7	2.6
Fresh Fruit	89.1	-10.2	-5.3	106.6	-3.6	4.1
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	94.4	-6.1	-5.8	107.2	-3.5	-3.8
Fresh Vegetables	88.4	-8.1	-9.1	106.6	-4.7	-5.7
Other Food Products	126.6	-1.9	0.3	124.4	-0.2	1.7
Coffee & Tea	129.7	-2.0	-2.8	127.9	-0.2	1.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.1	-5.0	-1.6	104.2	-0.5	1.4
Food Purchased From Restaurants	132.1	0.2	2.2	130.7	0.3	2.7
Shelter	**107.3**	**0.1**	**2.5**	**122.6**	**0.2**	**3.0**
Rented Accommodation	116.1	0.1	0.6	119.1	0.1	0.9
Owned Accommodation	94.7	-0.1	2.6	116.2	0.1	3.1
Property taxes	153.5	0.0	3.7	132.1	0.0	4.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	154.1	0.5	6.0	154.2	0.9	6.2
Electricity	112.2	0.0	4.9	122.6	0.0	3.4
Piped Gas	225.2	0.0	4.3	221.6	1.7	6.2
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	194.9	9.7	27.3	194.1	4.4	21.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	**123.4**	**0.7**	**0.1**	**115.5**	**0.2**	**0.3**
Household Operations	130.6	0.4	0.2	121.3	0.3	0.8
Household Furnishings	113.3	1.5	-0.2	106.5	-0.2	-0.7
Clothing & Footwear	**115.3**	**2.8**	**2.7**	**103.0**	**3.0**	**-1.0**
Clothing	112.8	3.6	3.0	100.0	4.2	-2.1
Women's Clothing	118.7	4.1	6.3	100.3	4.7	-2.3
Men's Clothing	110.8	4.1	1.0	102.2	4.2	-0.5
Children's Clothing	96.4	-0.6	-4.6	92.3	1.5	-5.9
Footwear	113.6	3.0	2.3	102.9	1.5	0.6
Transportation	**145.4**	**0.8**	**4.7**	**147.0**	**0.5**	**3.6**
Private Transportation	141.8	1.0	4.7	144.5	0.6	3.6
Operation of Motor Vehicles	151.9	1.9	7.2	158.7	1.6	5.0
Gasoline	165.3	5.1	10.1	151.1	3.4	8.5
Public Transportation	179.7	-0.1	5.0	174.5	0.0	4.4
Local & Commuter	149.9	0.0	3.3	150.0	0.2	2.5
Inter-City	191.8	-0.1	5.7	194.1	-0.1	5.5
Health & Personal Care	**127.0**	**0.9**	**2.9**	**119.7**	**0.6**	**1.7**
Health Care	131.0	0.3	2.3	125.7	0.2	2.4
Personal Care	123.1	1.6	3.8	115.1	1.1	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	**132.5**	**0.8**	**1.9**	**126.3**	**0.6**	**-0.2**
Recreation	115.8	1.1	-0.8	111.7	0.9	-1.5
Education & Reading	195.8	0.0	8.7	182.0	0.0	3.5
Education	208.5	0.0	10.0	201.4	0.0	3.5
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	154.1	0.0	2.3	144.8	0.0	3.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**143.4**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**145.2**	**0.1**	**2.9**
Alcoholic Beverages	124.4	-0.1	0.9	126.6	0.3	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	121.6	-0.2	0.4	125.8	0.2	1.6
Beer Purchased from Stores	144.0	0.4	0.2	136.8	0.0	1.5
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.9	-0.4	0.8	110.4	-0.2	1.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	160.4	0.3	-0.2	144.9	-0.1	3.5
Cigarettes	160.3	0.3	-0.2	143.6	-0.1	3.5
All-Items Excluding Food	123.9	0.6	2.5	125.7	0.5	2.0
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	121.0	0.2	2.2	125.8	0.4	2.0
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	121.2	0.4	2.0	123.0	0.3	1.5

February 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	February 2005	January 2005	February 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	125.8	0.4	2.1	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	124.5	0.5	3.1	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	125.6	0.2	2.6	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	127.4	0.3	2.6	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	125.6	0.3	2.0	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	122.0	0.3	1.9	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	127.1	0.7	2.2	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	129.5	0.2	3.3	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	130.9	0.2	2.9	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	131.9	0.2	1.5	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**123.8**	**0.2**	**2.1**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	121.5	0.2	1.8	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	122.0	0.2	3.7	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	101.7	-0.3	1.8	101.2	100.2	1.0

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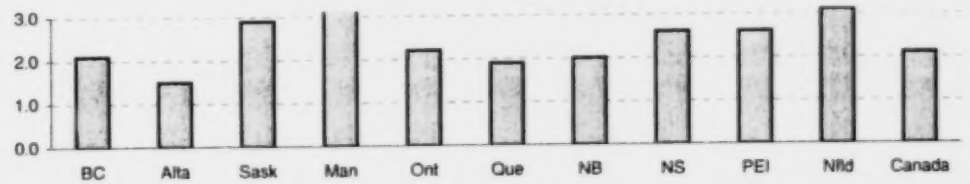

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	February 2005	January 2005	February 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	124.3	0.5	2.9	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	124.5	0.2	2.4	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	126.1	0.2	2.4	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	125.1	0.3	1.9	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	122.6	0.2	1.8	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	121.9	0.2	1.8	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	128.8	0.7	2.2	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	127.3	0.6	1.4	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	124.6	0.6	1.7	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	129.6	0.2	3.2	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	131.7	0.3	2.7	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	130.0	0.2	2.8	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	130.1	0.0	1.7	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	132.7	0.2	1.3	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**124.4**	**0.1**	**2.1**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**123.9**	**0.2**	**2.4**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**

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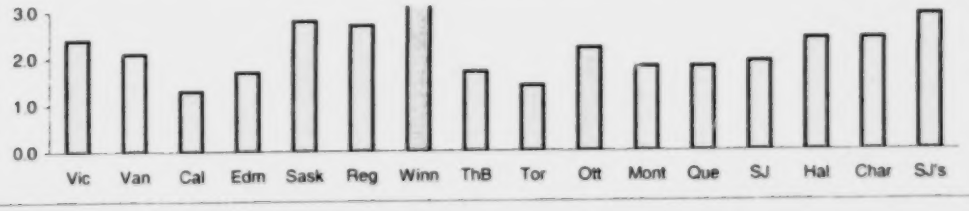

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February 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2005		Month	Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1	1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4	1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2	0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7	1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8	2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2	2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2	2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1	2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2	1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0	2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2	2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2	2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005											
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2	2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2005		Month	Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1	1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2	0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3	0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2	1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9	2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1	2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1	2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2	1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1	1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2	2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4	2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2	2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005											
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4	2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2

February 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2005	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
2005	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2

[1] electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2005	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0

** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

February 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2005		Month / Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2 / 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 / 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 / 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 / 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 / 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 / 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 / 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 / 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 / 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 / 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 / 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 / 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 / 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1 / 2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2005		Month / Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1 / 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 / 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 / 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 / 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 / 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 / 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 / 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0 / 2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
Sep	123.6	0.2 / 2.3	106.8	115.5	95.9	135.1
Oct	123.6	0.0 / 2.7	107.4	115.4	96.4	137.3
Nov	123.8	0.2 / 2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2 / 2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	135.0
2005						
Jan	123.6	0.0 / 2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
Feb	123.9	0.2 / 2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1

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Consumer Price Index ◆ March 2005

Highlights

- For the second consecutive month, BC's Consumer Price Index rose 2.1% from the same month a year ago. Manitoba and Saskatchewan shared the highest year-over-year increase among the provinces at 3.2%. Inflation continued to be lowest in Alberta, with a 1.8% increase in prices compared to March 2004. Nationally, prices rose 2.3% during the same period.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Saskatoon posted the highest increase in consumer prices compared to last March at 3.2%, while residents of Calgary continued to enjoy the lowest increase at 1.5%. Over the same period, prices in Vancouver and Victoria rose 2.1% and 2.5%, respectively.

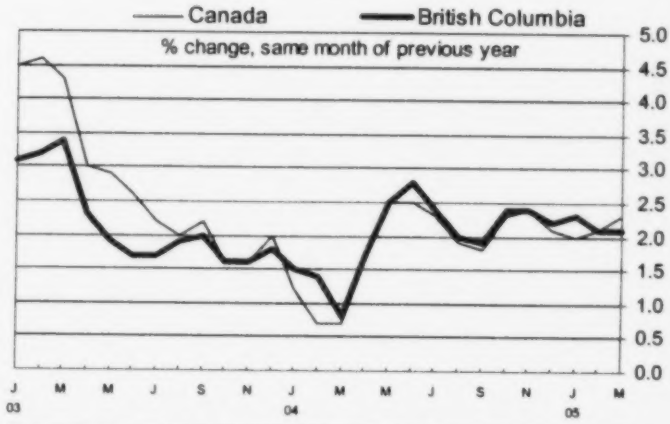
- Fuel prices for our homes and cars continue to push up the CPI across the country. Compared to March 2004, BC residents paid more for fuel oil (+29.7%), gasoline (+10.2%), education (+9.9%), inter-city transportation (+6.5%), women's clothing (+5.2%), electricity (+4.9%), and natural gas (+4.3%). Also contributing to rising shelter costs are property taxes, which rose 3.7% from last March. It costs less to eat healthy than a year ago, with BC consumers paying less for fresh vegetables (-7.6%), fish and seafood (-6.1%), and fresh fruit (-4.7%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.8% higher than in March 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.5%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the April Consumer Price Index on May 20, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	March 2005	February 2005	March 2004
Canada	126.5	0.6	2.3
BC	124.1	0.2	2.1
Vancouver	124.8	0.3	2.1
Victoria	124.3	0.3	2.5
Core Canada[1]	126.0	0.4	1.9

BC and Canada Inflation Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in Mar. 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	125.2	2.1	1.9
BC	123.5	2.2	2.0
Vancouver	124.1	2.2	2.0
Victoria	123.5	2.5	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, inter-city transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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March 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index	% Change		Index	% Change	
	March	February	March	March	February	March
	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**124.1**	**0.2**	**2.1**	**126.5**	**0.6**	**2.3**
Food	**124.5**	**1.0**	**0.8**	**127.1**	**0.4**	**2.8**
Food Purchased From Stores	120.8	1.3	-0.2	125.8	0.6	2.9
Meat	132.7	0.1	2.9	138.8	0.6	5.9
Fish & Other Seafood	120.9	0.6	-6.1	121.9	0.0	0.2
Dairy Products & Eggs	128.3	1.8	0.5	131.8	1.5	4.4
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	124.2	1.6	0.8	131.9	0.2	2.7
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	99.2	2.7	-2.8	103.7	-2.3	0.4
Fresh Fruit	90.6	1.7	-4.7	100.7	-5.5	-1.2
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	97.9	3.7	-5.4	109.9	2.5	-2.9
Fresh Vegetables	93.7	6.0	-7.6	110.5	3.7	-4.7
Other Food Products	127.4	0.6	1.4	125.2	0.6	3.1
Coffee & Tea	129.4	-0.2	-1.5	129.2	1.0	2.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	81.7	3.3	1.7	106.1	1.8	4.2
Food Purchased From Restaurants	132.4	0.2	2.5	130.9	0.2	2.9
Shelter	**107.3**	**0.0**	**2.6**	**123.0**	**0.3**	**3.4**
Rented Accommodation	116.1	0.0	0.5	119.1	0.0	0.8
Owned Accommodation	94.6	-0.1	2.6	116.5	0.3	3.3
Property taxes	153.5	0.0	3.7	132.1	0.0	4.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	154.8	0.5	6.1	155.3	0.7	7.5
Electricity	112.2	0.0	4.9	122.5	-0.1	3.4
Piped Gas	225.2	0.0	4.3	224.2	1.2	10.3
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	211.1	8.3	29.7	201.9	4.0	25.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	**123.2**	**-0.2**	**-0.3**	**115.7**	**0.2**	**0.3**
Household Operations	130.6	0.0	0.3	121.4	0.1	0.9
Household Furnishings	112.6	-0.6	-1.7	107.0	0.5	-0.6
Clothing & Footwear	**115.0**	**-0.3**	**1.9**	**106.0**	**2.9**	**0.7**
Clothing	112.5	-0.3	2.6	104.1	4.1	0.7
Women's Clothing	116.9	-1.5	5.2	106.3	6.0	1.4
Men's Clothing	111.6	0.7	0.0	104.2	2.0	0.3
Children's Clothing	98.6	2.3	-0.5	95.8	3.8	-1.1
Footwear	112.9	-0.6	-1.3	103.5	0.6	-1.4
Transportation	**146.6**	**0.8**	**4.6**	**148.3**	**0.9**	**3.9**
Private Transportation	142.7	0.6	4.4	145.7	0.8	3.6
Operation of Motor Vehicles	154.4	1.6	7.3	162.0	2.1	6.0
Gasoline	172.1	4.1	10.2	158.9	5.2	11.2
Public Transportation	182.3	1.4	5.6	176.7	1.3	5.4
Local & Commuter	149.9	0.0	3.3	151.8	1.2	3.8
Inter-City	195.6	2.0	6.5	196.4	1.2	6.4
Health & Personal Care	**126.7**	**-0.2**	**2.4**	**120.0**	**0.3**	**1.4**
Health Care	131.4	0.3	2.3	126.0	0.2	2.4
Personal Care	122.0	-0.9	2.7	115.3	0.2	0.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	**132.5**	**0.0**	**1.5**	**126.8**	**0.4**	**-0.4**
Recreation	115.7	-0.1	-1.4	112.3	0.5	-1.7
Education & Reading	196.0	0.1	8.6	182.2	0.1	3.5
Education	208.7	0.1	9.9	201.4	0.0	3.5
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	154.0	-0.1	2.0	145.6	0.6	3.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**143.9**	**0.3**	**0.7**	**146.3**	**0.8**	**3.5**
Alcoholic Beverages	125.1	0.6	1.3	126.6	0.0	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.7	0.9	1.2	125.9	0.1	1.5
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.1	1.5	1.9	137.1	0.2	1.9
Liquor Purchased from Stores	104.3	0.4	1.0	110.0	-0.4	0.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	160.6	0.1	0.1	146.7	1.2	4.7
Cigarettes	160.5	0.1	0.1	145.4	1.3	4.7
All-Items Excluding Food	124.1	0.2	2.4	126.5	0.6	2.3
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	121.3	0.2	2.1	126.6	0.6	2.3
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	121.0	-0.2	1.8	123.4	0.3	1.5

March 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	March 2005	February 2005	March 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	126.5	0.6	2.3	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	125.0	0.4	3.1	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	126.7	0.9	2.8	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	128.2	0.6	2.6	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	126.6	0.8	2.4	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	122.9	0.7	2.4	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	127.8	0.6	2.3	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	130.0	0.4	3.2	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	131.6	0.5	3.2	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	132.7	0.6	1.8	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**124.1**	**0.2**	**2.1**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	122.2	0.6	1.9	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	122.0	0.1	1.7	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	101.8	0.1	1.6	101.2	100.2	1.0

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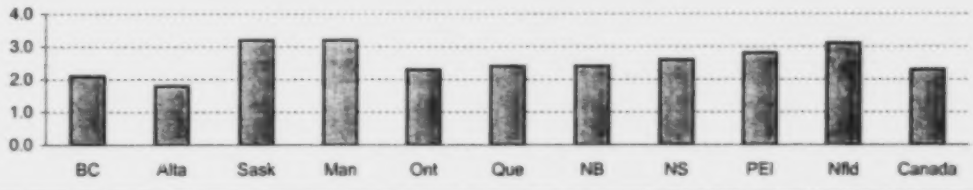

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	March 2005	February 2005	March 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	124.8	0.4	2.9	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	125.5	0.8	2.6	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	126.9	0.6	2.3	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	126.2	0.9	2.4	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	123.5	0.7	2.3	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	122.9	0.8	2.4	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	129.6	0.6	2.5	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	128.2	0.7	1.9	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	125.3	0.6	2.0	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	130.0	0.3	3.0	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	132.4	0.5	3.0	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	130.7	0.5	3.2	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	131.0	0.7	2.1	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	133.4	0.5	1.5	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**124.8**	**0.3**	**2.1**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**124.3**	**0.3**	**2.5**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**

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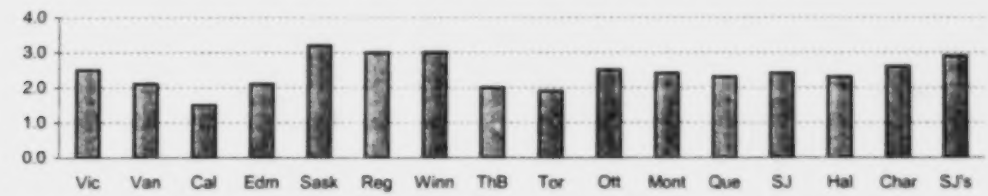

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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1	1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4	1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2	0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7	1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8	2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2	2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2	2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1	2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2	1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0	2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2	2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2	2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005											
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2	2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2	2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1	1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2	0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3	0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2	1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9	2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1	2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1	2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2	1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1	1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2	2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4	2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2	2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005											
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4	2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6	2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3

March 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
	Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0

[1] electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
	Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4

** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2 / 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 / 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 / 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 / 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 / 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 / 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 / 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 / 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 / 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 / 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 / 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 / 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 / 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1 / 2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
Mar	124.8	0.3 / 2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1 / 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 / 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 / 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 / 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 / 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 / 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 / 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0 / 2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
Sep	123.6	0.2 / 2.3	106.8	115.5	95.9	135.1
Oct	123.6	0.0 / 2.7	107.4	115.4	96.4	137.3
Nov	123.8	0.2 / 2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2 / 2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	135.0
2005						
Jan	123.6	0.0 / 2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
Feb	123.9	0.2 / 2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
Mar	124.3	0.3 / 2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8

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Consumer Price Index ◆ April 2005

Highlights

- In April 2005, BC consumers paid 2.0% more than a year ago for the goods and services included in the CPI basket, the lowest increase among the provinces. Newfoundland & Labrador had the highest year-over-year increase in its CPI with 3.6%, followed by Manitoba at 3.5%. Nationally, prices rose 2.4% during the same period.

- Among the metropolitan areas, St. John's posted the highest increase in consumer prices compared to last April at 3.4%, followed by Winnipeg with 3.3%. Residents of Thunder Bay enjoyed the lowest year-over-year inflation at 1.8%. Over the same period, the CPI in Vancouver and Victoria rose 2.0% and 2.4%, respectively.

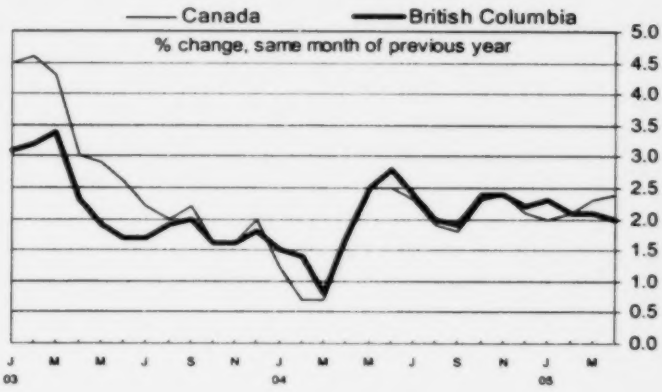
- Fuel prices remained the main factor behind the increase in the CPI. Compared to April 2004, prices rose for fuel oil (+33.3%), gasoline (+15.2%), education (+9.9%), fresh vegetables (+6.1%), local & commuter public transportation (+4.6%), and natural gas (+4.3%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for fresh fruit (-4.5%), footwear (-3.1%), fish & seafood (-2.2%), and electricity (-1.6%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.5% higher than in April 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.2%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the May Consumer Price Index on June 24, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	April 2005	March 2005	April 2004
Canada	126.9	0.3	2.4
BC	124.9	0.6	2.0
Vancouver	125.4	0.5	2.0
Victoria	125.1	0.6	2.4
Core Canada[1]	126.0	0.0	1.7

BC and Canada Inflation Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in Apr. 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	125.5	2.2	1.9
BC	123.7	2.3	2.0
Vancouver	124.3	2.3	2.0
Victoria	123.7	2.6	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, intercity transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

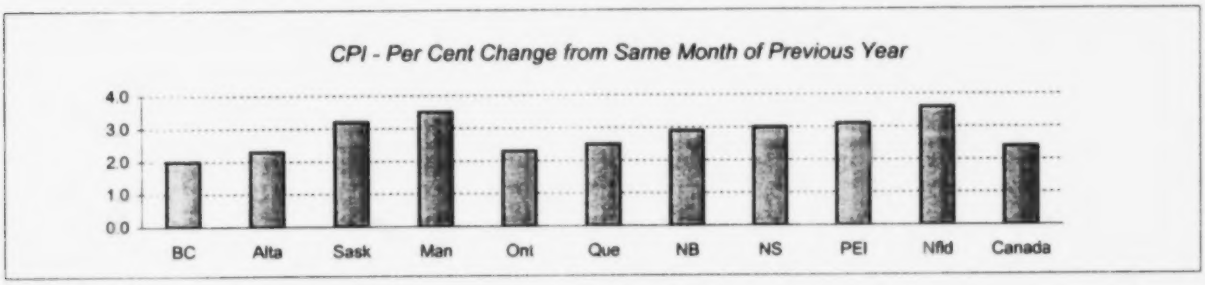
Prepared by: BC Stats, February 2004

April 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

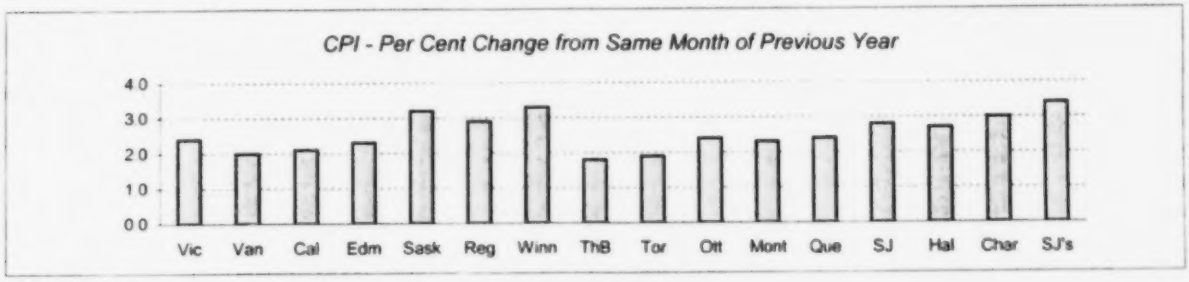
	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index	% Change		Index	% Change	
	April	March	April	April	March	April
	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**124.9**	**0.6**	**2.0**	**126.9**	**0.3**	**2.4**
Food	**125.8**	**1.0**	**1.7**	**128.3**	**0.9**	**4.0**
Food Purchased From Stores	122.8	1.7	1.5	127.2	1.1	4.3
Meat	131.5	-0.9	2.0	138.0	-0.6	5.8
Fish & Other Seafood	121.7	0.7	-2.2	121.8	-0.1	0.4
Dairy Products & Eggs	129.4	0.9	1.6	133.8	1.5	6.4
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	124.6	0.3	0.6	133.9	1.5	3.2
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	102.2	3.0	-2.1	104.6	0.9	0.1
Fresh Fruit	94.9	4.7	-4.5	102.1	1.4	-2.9
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	106.0	8.3	5.9	114.9	4.5	6.8
Fresh Vegetables	102.9	9.8	6.1	116.6	5.5	7.1
Other Food Products	129.2	1.4	1.9	126.5	1.0	4.1
Coffee & Tea	130.9	1.2	0.5	129.7	0.4	3.3
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	83.9	2.7	4.1	108.7	2.5	7.9
Food Purchased From Restaurants	132.4	0.0	2.2	131.5	0.5	3.1
Shelter	**107.5**	**0.2**	**1.7**	**123.4**	**0.3**	**3.2**
Rented Accommodation	116.1	0.0	0.3	119.2	0.1	0.8
Owned Accommodation	94.9	0.3	2.2	116.7	0.2	3.2
Property taxes	153.5	0.0	3.7	132.1	0.0	4.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	154.9	0.1	2.0	156.9	1.0	6.0
Electricity	112.2	0.0	-1.6	125.9	2.8	2.9
Piped Gas	225.2	0.0	4.3	215.7	-3.8	2.8
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	213.3	1.0	33.3	206.4	2.2	31.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	**124.3**	**0.9**	**0.3**	**115.5**	**-0.2**	**-0.1**
Household Operations	131.2	0.5	0.5	121.6	0.2	0.9
Household Furnishings	114.6	1.8	0.0	106.2	-0.7	-1.8
Clothing & Footwear	**111.8**	**-2.8**	**0.4**	**102.9**	**-2.9**	**-0.9**
Clothing	108.6	-3.5	0.6	99.4	-4.5	-2.0
Women's Clothing	110.9	-5.1	2.0	99.1	-6.8	-2.9
Men's Clothing	109.0	-2.3	-1.2	101.3	-2.8	-1.1
Children's Clothing	99.2	0.6	0.6	95.2	-0.6	-0.4
Footwear	110.0	-2.6	-3.1	104.4	0.9	-0.5
Transportation	**149.2**	**1.8**	**4.8**	**149.5**	**0.8**	**4.2**
Private Transportation	145.9	2.2	5.2	147.3	1.1	4.5
Operation of Motor Vehicles	160.6	4.0	9.2	165.7	2.3	7.9
Gasoline	188.7	9.6	15.2	167.2	5.2	15.3
Public Transportation	179.8	-1.4	1.8	174.2	-1.4	2.0
Local & Commuter	152.1	1.5	4.6	152.1	0.2	3.9
Inter-City	190.9	-2.4	0.7	191.9	-2.3	0.9
Health & Personal Care	**128.0**	**1.0**	**2.3**	**120.9**	**0.8**	**1.6**
Health Care	133.3	1.4	2.6	128.3	1.8	2.8
Personal Care	122.6	0.5	2.0	115.2	-0.1	0.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	**132.7**	**0.2**	**1.8**	**126.8**	**0.0**	**-0.2**
Recreation	116.0	0.3	-0.9	112.3	0.0	-1.5
Education & Reading	196.0	0.0	8.5	182.3	0.1	3.5
Education	208.7	0.0	9.9	201.4	0.0	3.5
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	154.0	0.0	1.4	146.0	0.3	3.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**144.0**	**0.1**	**0.6**	**146.5**	**0.1**	**3.0**
Alcoholic Beverages	125.1	0.0	1.5	127.0	0.3	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.7	0.0	1.4	126.5	0.5	1.9
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.1	0.0	2.2	138.4	0.9	2.7
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.7	-0.6	1.5	110.3	0.3	0.8
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	160.9	0.2	-0.1	146.7	0.0	3.5
Cigarettes	160.7	0.1	-0.2	145.4	0.0	3.6
All-Items Excluding Food	124.7	0.5	2.1	126.7	0.2	2.2
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	122.1	0.7	2.1	126.9	0.2	2.4
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	121.1	0.1	1.5	123.2	-0.2	1.2

April 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	April 2005	March 2005	April 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	126.9	0.3	2.4	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	126.0	0.8	3.6	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	127.8	0.9	3.1	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	128.9	0.5	3.0	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	127.1	0.4	2.9	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	122.9	0.0	2.5	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	128.0	0.2	2.3	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	130.8	0.6	3.5	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	132.5	0.7	3.2	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	133.6	0.7	2.3	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**124.9**	**0.6**	**2.0**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	122.9	0.6	2.2	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	122.4	0.3	1.8	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	102.1	0.3	1.3	101.2	100.2	1.0



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	April 2005	March 2005	April 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	125.7	0.7	3.4	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	126.6	0.9	3.0	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	127.4	0.4	2.7	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	126.6	0.3	2.8	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	123.5	0.0	2.4	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	122.8	-0.1	2.3	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	129.7	0.1	2.4	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	128.1	-0.1	1.9	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	125.5	0.2	1.8	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	130.8	0.6	3.3	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	133.2	0.6	2.9	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	131.6	0.7	3.2	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	131.6	0.5	2.3	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	134.4	0.7	2.1	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**125.4**	**0.5**	**2.0**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**125.1**	**0.6**	**2.4**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**



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April 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1	1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4	1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2	0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7	1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8	2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2	2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2	2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1	2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2	1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0	2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2	2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2	2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005											
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2	2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2	2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6	2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1	1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2	0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3	0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2	1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9	2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1	2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1	2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2	1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1	1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2	2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4	2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2	2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005											
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4	2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6	2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3	2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5

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BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
	Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
	Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1

[1] electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
	Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
	Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2

** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

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April 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2 / 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 / 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 / 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 / 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 / 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 / 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 / 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 / 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 / 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 / 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 / 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 / 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 / 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1 / 2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
Mar	124.8	0.3 / 2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
Apr	125.4	0.5 / 2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1 / 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 / 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 / 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 / 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 / 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 / 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 / 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0 / 2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
Sep	123.6	0.2 / 2.3	106.8	115.5	95.9	135.1
Oct	123.6	0.0 / 2.7	107.4	115.4	96.4	137.3
Nov	123.8	0.2 / 2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2 / 2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	135.0
2005						
Jan	123.6	0.0 / 2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
Feb	123.9	0.2 / 2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
Mar	124.3	0.3 / 2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
Apr	125.1	0.6 / 2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3

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Consumer Price Index ◆ May 2005

Highlights

- In May 2005, BC consumers paid 1.5% more than a year ago for the goods and services included in the CPI basket, the lowest year-over-year increase since March 2004. At 1.3%, Alberta was the province with the lowest increase, while Prince Edward Island, at 3.3%, posted the highest increase. Nationally, prices rose 1.6% during the same period.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Charlottetown reported the highest increase in consumer prices compared to last May (+3.0%). For the second consecutive month, residents of Thunder Bay enjoyed the lowest year-over-year increase (+0.9%). Over the same period, the CPI in Vancouver and Victoria rose 1.4% and 1.8%, respectively.

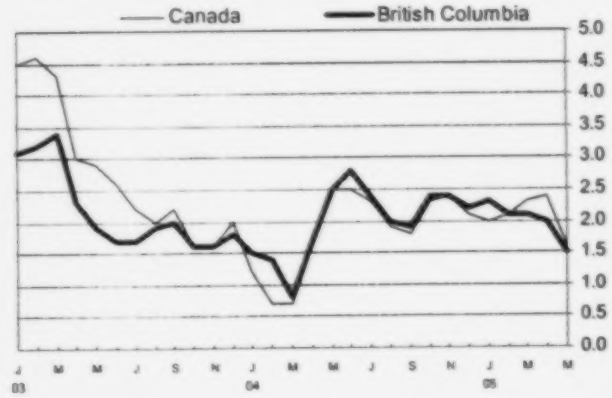
- While fuel prices in BC continue to push up the year-over-year index, the price of fuel oil dropped 4.7% from last month. Compared to May 2004, higher prices were posted for fuel oil (+18.7%), education (+9.9%), non-alcoholic beverages (+4.8%), and local & commuter public transportation (+4.6%). Moderating these increases were lower prices for fresh fruit (-3.4%), coffee and tea (-3.3%), men's clothing (-2.8%), and footwear (-2.7%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.3% higher than in May 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.2%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the June Consumer Price Index on July 22, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	May 2005	April 2005	May 2004
Canada	127.0	0.1	1.6
BC	125.2	0.2	1.5
Vancouver	125.7	0.2	1.4
Victoria	125.4	0.2	1.8
Core Canada[1]	126.2	0.2	1.6

BC and Canada Inflation Trends Drop



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in May 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	125.6	2.1	1.9
BC	123.8	2.2	2.0
Vancouver	124.4	2.2	2.0
Victoria	123.9	2.5	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, inter-city transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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May 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index May 2005	% Change April 2005	% Change May 2004	Index May 2005	% Change April 2005	% Change May 2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**125.2**	**0.2**	**1.5**	**127.0**	**0.1**	**1.6**
Food	**126.3**	**0.4**	**1.8**	**128.5**	**0.2**	**3.3**
Food Purchased From Stores	123.2	0.3	1.4	127.5	0.2	3.4
Meat	132.1	0.5	0.0	137.3	-0.5	3.6
Fish & Other Seafood	125.0	2.7	0.9	123.0	1.0	0.8
Dairy Products & Eggs	130.3	0.7	2.6	133.9	0.1	5.3
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	125.9	1.0	2.0	133.7	-0.1	3.1
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	105.0	2.7	-2.6	108.7	3.9	-0.8
Fresh Fruit	99.7	5.1	-3.4	109.5	7.2	-2.4
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	103.0	-2.8	2.5	116.3	1.2	7.8
Fresh Vegetables	99.4	-3.4	2.8	118.4	1.5	9.0
Other Food Products	128.6	-0.5	2.8	125.4	-0.9	3.0
Coffee & Tea	126.4	-3.4	-3.3	127.5	-1.7	-0.4
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	81.3	-3.1	4.8	105.8	-2.7	5.6
Food Purchased From Restaurants	133.0	0.5	2.5	131.6	0.1	2.8
Shelter	**107.7**	**0.2**	**1.8**	**123.6**	**0.2**	**3.2**
Rented Accommodation	116.1	0.0	0.3	119.3	0.1	0.8
Owned Accommodation	95.2	0.3	2.4	117.2	0.4	3.4
Property taxes	153.5	0.0	3.7	132.1	0.0	4.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	154.5	-0.3	1.4	156.3	-0.4	5.5
Electricity	112.2	0.0	-1.6	126.2	0.2	3.1
Piped Gas	225.2	0.0	4.3	212.1	-1.7	1.4
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	203.3	-4.7	18.7	202.4	-1.9	27.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	**124.1**	**-0.2**	**0.2**	**115.6**	**0.1**	**0.2**
Household Operations	131.1	-0.1	0.3	121.7	0.1	1.2
Household Furnishings	114.2	-0.3	-0.1	106.2	0.0	-1.8
Clothing & Footwear	**111.3**	**-0.4**	**-1.2**	**102.3**	**-0.6**	**-0.5**
Clothing	108.1	-0.5	-1.5	98.7	-0.7	-1.1
Women's Clothing	109.5	-1.3	-0.5	97.9	-1.2	-0.8
Men's Clothing	110.4	1.3	-2.8	101.4	0.1	-1.8
Children's Clothing	96.1	-3.1	-1.9	93.9	-1.4	-0.2
Footwear	108.9	-1.0	-2.7	105.0	0.6	0.2
Transportation	**149.4**	**0.1**	**2.1**	**149.0**	**-0.3**	**0.5**
Private Transportation	145.7	-0.1	2.4	146.5	-0.5	0.5
Operation of Motor Vehicles	159.4	-0.7	3.9	163.4	-1.4	0.4
Gasoline	185.5	-1.7	2.5	162.0	-3.1	-1.6
Public Transportation	183.9	2.3	0.5	177.4	1.8	1.0
Local & Commuter	152.1	0.0	4.6	152.1	0.0	3.9
Inter-City	196.9	3.1	-1.0	197.5	2.9	-0.8
Health & Personal Care	**127.7**	**-0.2**	**1.9**	**120.7**	**-0.2**	**1.4**
Health Care	133.0	-0.2	2.3	128.0	-0.2	2.5
Personal Care	122.2	-0.3	1.4	114.9	-0.3	0.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	**134.6**	**1.4**	**1.6**	**127.5**	**0.6**	**-0.7**
Recreation	118.3	2.0	-1.2	113.1	0.7	-2.2
Education & Reading	196.0	0.0	8.5	182.3	0.0	3.5
Education	208.7	0.0	9.9	201.4	0.0	3.5
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	154.0	0.0	1.4	146.0	0.0	3.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**145.0**	**0.7**	**1.0**	**147.6**	**0.8**	**2.9**
Alcoholic Beverages	125.1	0.0	1.1	127.1	0.1	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.3	-0.3	1.2	126.3	-0.2	1.4
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.1	0.0	2.2	138.0	-0.3	1.9
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.9	0.2	1.6	110.1	-0.2	0.5
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	163.0	1.3	1.1	148.5	1.2	3.7
Cigarettes	162.9	1.4	1.1	147.2	1.2	3.7
All-Items Excluding Food	125.0	0.2	1.4	126.7	0.0	1.3
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	122.4	0.2	1.5	127.0	0.1	1.5
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	121.5	0.3	1.3	123.5	0.2	1.2

May 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	May 2005	April 2005	May 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	127.0	0.1	1.6	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	126.0	0.0	2.6	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	128.4	0.5	3.3	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	129.1	0.2	2.5	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	126.9	-0.2	1.8	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	123.1	0.2	1.7	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	128.0	0.0	1.5	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	131.1	0.2	2.3	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	131.8	-0.5	1.6	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	133.4	-0.1	1.3	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**125.2**	**0.2**	**1.5**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	123.4	0.4	1.6	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	123.4	0.8	2.0	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	102.8	0.7	1.4	101.2	100.2	1.0

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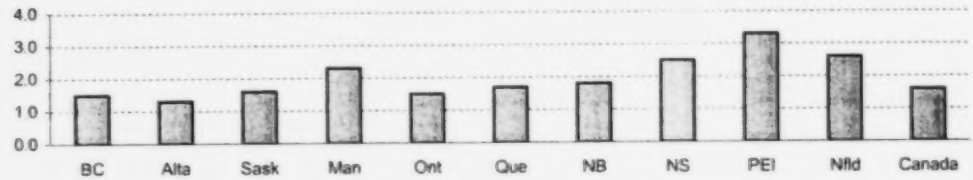

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	May 2005	April 2005	May 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	125.8	0.1	2.5	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	127.0	0.3	3.0	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	127.6	0.2	2.1	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	126.5	-0.1	1.9	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	123.7	0.2	1.5	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	123.0	0.2	1.7	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	129.7	0.0	1.4	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	128.4	0.2	1.3	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	125.4	-0.1	0.9	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	131.1	0.2	2.3	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	132.7	-0.4	1.5	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	130.9	-0.5	1.6	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	131.5	-0.1	1.3	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	134.3	-0.1	1.2	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**125.7**	**0.2**	**1.4**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**125.4**	**0.2**	**1.8**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**

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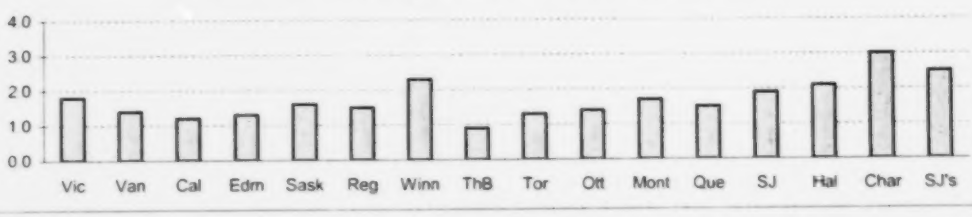

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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1	1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4	1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2	0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7	1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8	2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2	2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2	2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1	2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2	1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0	2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2	2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2	2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005											
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2	2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2	2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6	2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2	1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1	1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2	0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3	0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2	1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9	2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1	2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1	2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2	1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1	1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2	2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4	2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2	2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005											
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4	2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6	2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3	2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1	1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6

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BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
	Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
	Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
	May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5

[1] *electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
	Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
	Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
	May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

May 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2 / 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 / 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 / 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 / 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 / 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 / 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 / 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 / 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 / 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 / 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 / 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 / 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 / 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1 / 2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
Mar	124.8	0.3 / 2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
Apr	125.4	0.5 / 2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
May	125.7	0.2 / 1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1 / 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 / 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 / 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 / 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 / 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 / 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 / 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
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Consumer Price Index ◆ June 2005

Highlights

- For the second consecutive month, BC consumers paid 1.5% more than a year ago for the goods and services included in the CPI basket, the second-lowest rate of inflation among the provinces. Alberta continues to report the lowest increase in the CPI, with a 0.7% rise compared to last June, while Prince Edward Island, at 2.6%, posted the highest increase. Nationally, prices rose 1.7% during the same period.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Charlottetown reported the highest increase in consumer prices compared to last June (+2.4%). Residents of Alberta's metropolitan areas enjoyed the lowest year-over-year increase in prices, with Edmonton (+0.5%) and Calgary (+0.7%) both reporting increases of under 1.0%. Over the same period, the CPI in Vancouver and Victoria rose 1.5% and 1.7%, respectively.

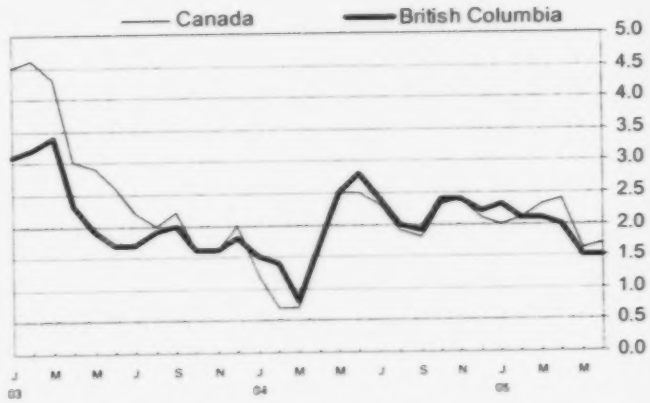
- Increased prices for fuel oil (+18.7%) and piped gas (+4.3%) pushed up the Shelter component to 1.9% in BC compared to June 2004. Consumers also paid more for education (+9.9%), local & commuter public transportation (+5.9%), fresh vegetables (+5.0%) and coffee & tea (+5.0%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for non-alcoholic beverages (-4.9%), meat (-3.6%) and men's clothing (-3.2%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.5% higher than in June 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.3%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the July Consumer Price Index on August 26, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	June 2005	May 2005	June 2004
Canada	127.2	0.2	1.7
BC	125.4	0.2	1.5
Vancouver	125.9	0.2	1.5
Victoria	125.6	0.2	1.7
Core Canada[1]	126.2	0.0	1.5

BC and Canada Inflation Trends



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in June 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	125.8	2.1	1.9
BC	124.0	2.1	2.0
Vancouver	124.6	2.1	2.0
Victoria	124.1	2.4	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, intercity transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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June 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index June 2005	% Change May 2005	% Change June 2004	Index June 2005	% Change May 2005	% Change June 2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**125.4**	**0.2**	**1.5**	**127.2**	**0.2**	**1.7**
Food	**127.0**	**0.6**	**1.2**	**128.9**	**0.3**	**2.6**
Food Purchased From Stores	123.6	0.3	-0.1	127.9	0.3	2.4
Meat	132.2	0.1	-3.6	138.4	0.8	0.4
Fish & Other Seafood	125.3	0.2	-0.2	122.8	-0.2	0.6
Dairy Products & Eggs	131.8	1.2	3.4	134.7	0.6	5.6
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	124.9	-0.8	1.7	133.0	-0.5	2.5
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	107.6	2.5	-1.6	111.3	2.4	-0.4
Fresh Fruit	104.4	4.7	-1.9	114.0	4.1	-1.6
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	104.4	1.4	4.1	115.4	-0.8	5.1
Fresh Vegetables	100.9	1.5	5.0	116.9	-1.3	5.8
Other Food Products	127.8	-0.6	-1.4	125.4	0.0	2.6
Coffee & Tea	136.8	8.2	5.0	132.3	3.8	3.4
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.7	-2.0	-4.9	104.6	-1.1	4.6
Food Purchased From Restaurants	134.5	1.1	3.7	132.0	0.3	3.1
Shelter	**107.9**	**0.2**	**1.9**	**123.8**	**0.2**	**2.9**
Rented Accommodation	116.1	0.0	0.3	119.3	0.0	0.8
Owned Accommodation	95.5	0.3	2.6	117.5	0.3	3.5
Property taxes	153.5	0.0	3.7	132.1	0.0	4.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	154.5	0.0	1.4	156.6	0.2	3.9
Electricity	112.2	0.0	-1.6	126.2	0.0	3.1
Piped Gas	225.2	0.0	4.3	214.0	0.9	-5.3
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	203.3	0.0	18.7	202.4	0.0	27.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	**124.0**	**-0.1**	**0.9**	**115.7**	**0.1**	**0.6**
Household Operations	130.8	-0.2	0.2	121.7	0.0	1.2
Household Furnishings	114.6	0.4	2.3	106.5	0.3	-0.5
Clothing & Footwear	**112.4**	**1.0**	**0.8**	**101.3**	**-1.0**	**-0.6**
Clothing	107.7	-0.4	-0.6	97.4	-1.3	-1.6
Women's Clothing	109.4	-0.1	1.4	97.1	-0.8	-0.9
Men's Clothing	108.6	-1.6	-3.2	99.5	-1.9	-2.3
Children's Clothing	99.1	3.1	0.4	92.9	-1.1	-2.0
Footwear	115.0	5.6	4.3	103.2	-1.7	0.2
Transportation	**148.7**	**-0.5**	**1.6**	**149.7**	**0.5**	**1.8**
Private Transportation	144.6	-0.8	1.6	147.0	0.3	1.7
Operation of Motor Vehicles	158.5	-0.6	3.6	165.2	1.1	3.1
Gasoline	182.9	-1.4	1.8	165.9	2.4	4.2
Public Transportation	187.2	1.8	2.3	179.6	1.2	2.0
Local & Commuter	154.0	1.2	5.9	152.4	0.2	4.1
Inter-City	200.8	2.0	1.0	201.4	2.0	1.0
Health & Personal Care	**127.6**	**-0.1**	**2.2**	**121.1**	**0.3**	**1.7**
Health Care	132.5	-0.4	2.2	127.8	-0.2	2.6
Personal Care	122.7	0.4	2.2	115.9	0.9	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	**134.7**	**0.1**	**1.0**	**127.8**	**0.2**	**-0.5**
Recreation	118.5	0.2	-1.9	113.4	0.3	-2.0
Education & Reading	195.9	-0.1	8.4	182.1	-0.1	3.2
Education	208.7	0.0	9.9	201.4	0.0	3.5
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	153.9	-0.1	0.8	145.4	-0.4	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**144.9**	**-0.1**	**1.0**	**147.7**	**0.1**	**2.6**
Alcoholic Beverages	125.0	-0.1	1.1	127.3	0.2	2.0
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.2	-0.1	1.4	126.6	0.2	1.5
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.1	0.0	1.9	138.3	0.2	2.2
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.2	-0.7	2.1	110.3	0.2	0.5
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	162.9	-0.1	0.9	148.5	0.0	3.0
Cigarettes	162.8	-0.1	0.9	147.3	0.1	3.1
All-Items Excluding Food	125.0	0.0	1.5	126.9	0.2	1.5
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	122.5	0.1	1.4	127.2	0.2	1.7
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	121.7	0.2	1.5	123.6	0.1	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada

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June 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	June 2005	May 2005	June 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	127.2	0.2	1.7	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	126.1	0.1	2.4	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	128.2	-0.2	2.6	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	129.0	-0.1	2.0	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	126.8	-0.1	1.6	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	123.4	0.2	2.0	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	128.2	0.2	1.9	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	131.3	0.2	2.2	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	132.1	0.2	1.7	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	133.9	0.4	0.7	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**125.4**	**0.2**	**1.5**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	123.9	0.4	1.7	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	123.8	0.3	2.1	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	103.0	0.2	1.2	101.2	100.2	1.0

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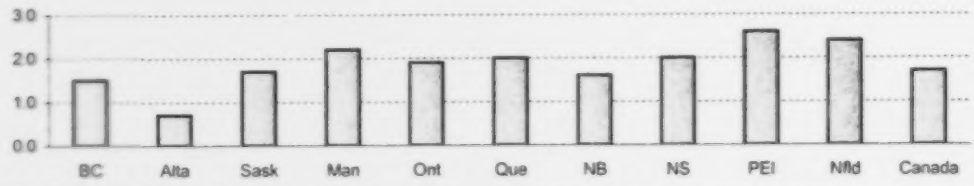

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	June 2005	May 2005	June 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	125.9	0.1	2.3	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	126.8	-0.2	2.4	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	127.5	-0.1	1.7	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	126.3	-0.2	1.5	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	124.1	0.3	1.9	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	123.5	0.4	2.1	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	129.9	0.2	1.9	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	128.5	0.1	1.6	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	125.6	0.2	1.4	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	131.4	0.2	2.2	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	133.0	0.2	1.6	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	131.2	0.2	1.9	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	131.8	0.2	0.5	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	134.9	0.4	0.7	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**125.9**	**0.2**	**1.5**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**125.6**	**0.2**	**1.7**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**

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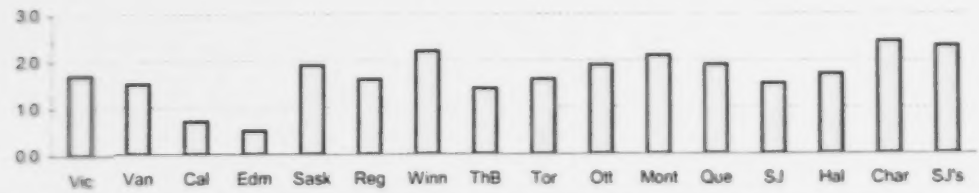

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June 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1	1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4	1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2	0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7	1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8	2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2	2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2	2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1	2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2	1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0	2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2	2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2	2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005											
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2	2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2	2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6	2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2	1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
June	125.4	0.2	1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1	1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2	0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3	0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2	1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9	2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1	2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1	2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2	1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1	1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2	2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4	2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2	2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005											
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4	2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6	2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3	2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1	1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
June	127.2	0.2	1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7

June 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
	Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
	Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
	May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
	June	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7

[1] *electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
	Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
	Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
	May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
	June	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

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June 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2 / 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 / 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 / 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 / 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 / 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 / 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 / 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 / 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 / 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 / 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 / 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 / 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 / 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1 / 2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
Mar	124.8	0.3 / 2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
Apr	125.4	0.5 / 2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
May	125.7	0.2 / 1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2
June	125.9	0.2 / 1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1 / 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 / 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 / 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 / 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 / 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 / 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 / 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0 / 2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
Sep	123.6	0.2 / 2.3	106.8	115.5	95.9	135.1
Oct	123.6	0.0 / 2.7	107.4	115.4	96.4	137.3
Nov	123.8	0.2 / 2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2 / 2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	135.0
2005						
Jan	123.6	0.0 / 2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
Feb	123.9	0.2 / 2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
Mar	124.3	0.3 / 2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
Apr	125.1	0.6 / 2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
May	125.4	0.2 / 1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
June	125.6	0.2 / 1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5

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Consumer Price Index ◆ July 2005

Highlights

- BC's Consumer Price Index rose 1.9% from last July, a figure shared with Ontario that is the second-lowest inflation rate among the provinces. Saskatchewan reported the lowest increase with a 1.8% year-over-year rise, while Prince Edward Island, at 3.0%, posted the highest increase. Nationally, prices rose 2.0% during the same period.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Charlottetown reported the highest increase in consumer prices compared to last July (+2.8%), followed by Winnipeg (+2.6%). Thunder Bay had the lowest year-over-year increase in the CPI (+1.3%). Over the same period, Vancouver's CPI rose 1.9% and Victoria's CPI rose 2.1%.

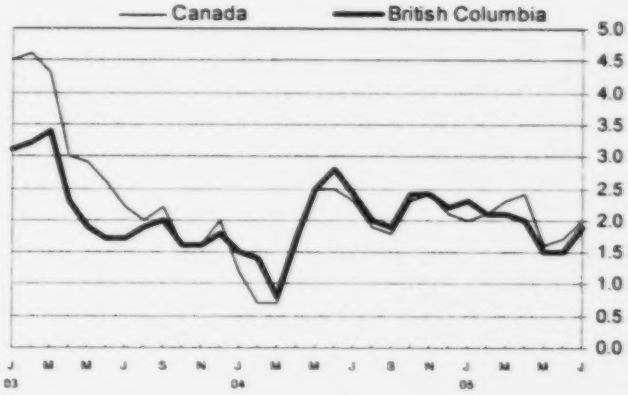
- Compared to last July, BC consumers paid more for fuel oil (+18.7%), gasoline (+10.0%), education (+9.9%), fresh vegetables (+9.2%), footwear (+7.6%), local & commuter public transportation (+5.6%), piped gas (+5.3%) and coffee & tea (+5.1%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for meat (-4.3%), fish and seafood (-4.2%) and electricity (-1.6%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.4% higher than in July 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.1%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the August Consumer Price Index on September 22, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	July 2005	June 2005	July 2004
Canada	127.5	0.2	2.0
BC	125.7	0.2	1.9
Vancouver	126.3	0.3	1.9
Victoria	125.9	0.2	2.1
Core Canada[1]	126.2	0.0	1.4

BC and Canada Inflation Trends



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in July 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	126.0	2.1	1.9
BC	124.2	2.0	2.0
Vancouver	124.8	2.0	2.0
Victoria	124.3	2.3	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, intercity transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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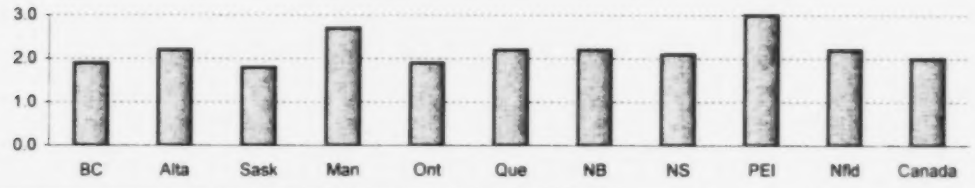
July 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index	% Change		Index	% Change	
	July	June	July	July	June	July
	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**125.7**	**0.2**	**1.9**	**127.5**	**0.2**	**2.[illegible]**
Food	**126.8**	**-0.2**	**1.7**	**128.6**	**-0.2**	**2.4**
Food Purchased From Stores	123.3	-0.2	0.7	127.3	-0.5	2.1
Meat	132.0	-0.2	4.3	137.2	-0.9	-1.0
Fish & Other Seafood	122.4	-2.3	4.2	122.9	0.1	-0.3
Dairy Products & Eggs	131.5	-0.2	4.0	134.3	-0.3	5.3
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	125.5	0.5	2.2	133.6	0.5	2.5
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	106.1	-1.4	-2.8	112.1	0.7	0.4
Fresh Fruit	103.6	-0.8	-1.2	115.8	1.6	0.5
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	102.4	-1.9	7.5	111.1	-3.7	5.8
Fresh Vegetables	98.2	-2.7	9.2	111.0	-5.0	6.6
Other Food Products	128.7	0.7	1.3	125.3	-0.1	2.4
Coffee & Tea	138.0	0.9	5.1	133.6	1.0	3.8
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.4	-0.4	1.5	103.7	-0.9	3.5
Food Purchased From Restaurants	134.6	0.1	3.6	132.4	0.3	3.0
Shelter	**108.2**	**0.3**	**2.0**	**124.5**	**0.6**	**3.2**
Rented Accommodation	116.2	0.1	0.3	119.4	0.1	0.8
Owned Accommodation	95.7	0.2	2.7	117.6	0.1	3.2
Property taxes	153.5	0.0	3.7	132.1	0.0	4.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	155.8	0.8	1.5	160.4	2.4	6.0
Electricity	112.2	0.0	-1.6	126.7	0.4	2.8
Piped Gas	235.0	4.4	5.3	236.8	10.7	5.0
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	203.3	0.0	18.7	202.4	0.0	27.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	**124.1**	**0.1**	**0.8**	**115.7**	**0.0**	**0.7**
Household Operations	130.9	0.1	0.2	121.8	0.1	1.3
Household Furnishings	114.7	0.1	2.0	106.2	-0.3	-0.7
Clothing & Footwear	**113.9**	**1.3**	**1.5**	**100.9**	**-0.4**	**0.0**
Clothing	110.2	2.3	-0.1	97.6	0.2	-0.4
Women's Clothing	112.8	3.1	0.2	98.1	1.0	0.[illegible]
Men's Clothing	111.0	2.2	-0.4	99.4	-0.1	-1.4
Children's Clothing	98.1	-1.0	0.0	91.1	-1.9	-1.9
Footwear	115.4	0.3	7.6	100.6	-2.5	0.2
Transportation	**148.8**	**0.1**	**2.8**	**150.3**	**0.4**	**2.8**
Private Transportation	144.2	-0.3	2.7	147.3	0.2	2.7
Operation of Motor Vehicles	159.8	0.8	7.0	167.9	1.6	6.3
Gasoline	186.3	1.9	10.0	172.5	4.0	12.3
Public Transportation	192.0	2.6	3.2	183.1	1.9	2.6
Local & Commuter	154.3	0.2	5.6	152.9	0.3	3.3
Inter-City	207.8	3.5	2.4	207.1	2.8	2.2
Health & Personal Care	**128.4**	**0.6**	**2.3**	**121.5**	**0.3**	**1.9**
Health Care	133.3	0.6	2.5	128.3	0.4	2.8
Personal Care	123.4	0.6	2.0	116.1	0.2	1.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	**135.4**	**0.5**	**1.4**	**128.5**	**0.5**	**-0.3**
Recreation	119.3	0.7	-1.3	114.3	0.8	-1.6
Education & Reading	196.2	0.2	8.5	182.4	0.2	3.3
Education	208.7	0.0	9.9	201.4	0.0	3.5
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	155.2	0.8	1.2	146.5	0.8	3.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**145.0**	**0.1**	**1.6**	**147.7**	**0.0**	**2.4**
Alcoholic Beverages	125.1	0.1	1.1	127.4	0.1	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.2	0.0	1.2	126.6	0.0	1.4
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.1	0.0	1.9	137.8	-0.4	1.4
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.2	0.0	2.1	110.9	0.5	1.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	163.1	0.1	2.1	148.5	0.0	2.9
Cigarettes	163.0	0.1	2.1	147.2	-0.1	2.9
All-Items Excluding Food	125.4	0.3	1.9	127.4	0.4	2.0
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	122.8	0.2	1.8	127.5	0.2	2.0
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	121.9	0.2	1.4	123.5	-0.1	1.1

July 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

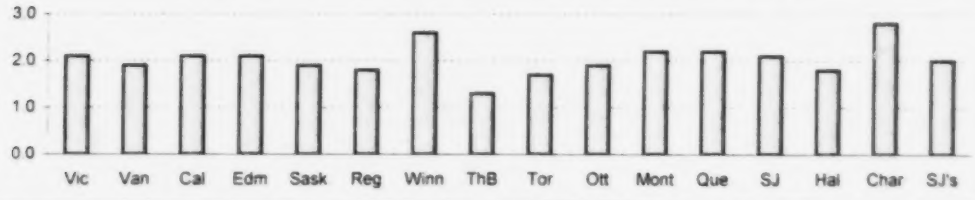
Provinces	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	July 2005	June 2005	July 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	127.5	0.2	2.0	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	126.6	0.4	2.2	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	128.3	0.1	3.0	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	129.4	0.3	2.1	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	127.5	0.6	2.2	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	123.6	0.2	2.2	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	128.4	0.2	1.9	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	131.7	0.3	2.7	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	132.4	0.2	1.8	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	135.0	0.8	2.2	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**125.7**	**0.2**	**1.9**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	124.1	0.2	1.9	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	123.8	0.0	2.0	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	103.0	0.0	1.2	101.2	100.2	1.0

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	July 2005	June 2005	July 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	126.3	0.3	2.0	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	127.0	0.2	2.8	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	127.9	0.3	1.8	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	127.0	0.6	2.1	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	124.3	0.2	2.2	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	123.5	0.0	2.2	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	130.1	0.2	1.9	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	128.6	0.1	1.7	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	125.6	0.0	1.3	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	131.7	0.2	2.6	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	133.4	0.3	1.8	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	131.5	0.2	1.9	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	133.1	1.0	2.1	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	135.9	0.7	2.1	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**126.3**	**0.3**	**1.9**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**125.9**	**0.2**	**2.1**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



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July 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1	1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4	1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2	0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7	1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8	2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2	2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2	2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1	2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2	1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0	2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2	2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2	2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005											
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2	2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2	2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6	2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2	1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
June	125.4	0.2	1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9
July	125.7	0.2	1.9	126.8	108.2	124.1	113.9	148.8	128.4	135.4	145.0

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1	1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2	0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3	0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2	1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9	2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1	2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1	2.3	125.6	120.6	114.3	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2	1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1	1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2	2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4	2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2	2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005											
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4	2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6	2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3	2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1	1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
June	127.2	0.2	1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7
July	127.5	0.2	2.0	128.6	124.5	115.7	100.9	150.3	121.5	128.5	147.7

July 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
	Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
	Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
	May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
	June	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7
	July	116.2	95.7	235.0	203.3	112.2	186.3	168.0	125.4	122.8	121.9

[1] *electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
	Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
	Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
	May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
	June	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6
	July	119.4	117.6	236.8	202.4	126.7	172.5	166.3	127.4	127.5	123.5

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

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July 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2 / 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 / 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 / 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 / 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 / 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 / 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 / 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 / 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 / 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 / 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 / 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 / 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 / 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1 / 2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
Mar	124.8	0.3 / 2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
Apr	125.4	0.5 / 2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
May	125.7	0.2 / 1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2
June	125.9	0.2 / 1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2
July	126.3	0.3 / 1.9	108.8	116.2	96.3	163.9

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1 / 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 / 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 / 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 / 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 / 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 / 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 / 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0 / 2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
Sep	123.6	0.2 / 2.3	106.8	115.5	95.9	135.1
Oct	123.6	0.0 / 2.7	107.4	115.4	96.4	137.3
Nov	123.8	0.2 / 2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2 / 2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	136.0
2005						
Jan	123.6	0.0 / 2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
Feb	123.9	0.2 / 2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
Mar	124.3	0.3 / 2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
Apr	125.1	0.6 / 2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
May	125.4	0.2 / 1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
June	125.6	0.2 / 1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5
July	125.9	0.2 / 2.1	109.0	115.9	98.2	139.5

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Consumer Price Index ◆ August 2005

Highlights

- BC consumers enjoyed the lowest inflation rate among the provinces, with a 2.1% rise in the Consumer Price Index from last August. For the fourth consecutive month, Prince Edward Island posted the highest increase, with a 3.2% rise from the same month a year ago. Nationally, prices rose 2.6% during the same period.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Charlottetown reported the highest increase in consumer prices compared to last August (+3.1%), followed by Winnipeg (+2.9%). Vancouver had the lowest year-over-year increase in the CPI (+1.9%). Over the same period, Victoria's CPI rose 2.2%.

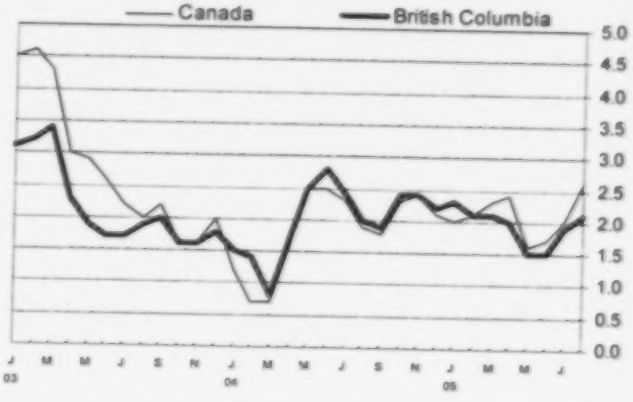
- Oil prices continue to play a significant role in the rise of inflation across the country, with Canadians paying 27.2% more for fuel oil and 20.1% more for gasoline compared to last August. In BC, consumers paid more for fuel oil (+18.7%), gasoline (+16.2%), education (+9.9%), fresh vegetables (+8.3%), footwear (+5.8%), local & commuter public transportation (+5.6%) and piped gas (+5.3%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for men's clothing (-3.7%), meat (-3.2%) and electricity (-1.6%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.3% higher than in August 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.5%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the September Consumer Price Index on October 25, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	August 2005	July 2005	August 2004
Canada	128.0	0.4	2.6
BC	125.9	0.2	2.1
Vancouver	126.4	0.1	1.9
Victoria	126.0	0.1	2.2
Core Canada[1]	126.4	0.2	1.7

BC and Canada Inflation Trends



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in August 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	126.3	2.1	1.9
BC	124.4	2.0	2.0
Vancouver	125.0	2.0	2.0
Victoria	124.5	2.3	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, intercity transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

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Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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August 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index August 2005	% Change July 2005	% Change August 2004	Index August 2005	% Change July 2005	% Change August 2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**125.9**	**0.2**	**2.1**	**128.0**	**0.4**	**2.[illegible]**
Food	**126.6**	**-0.2**	**1.9**	**128.5**	**-0.1**	**2.6**
Food Purchased From Stores	123.0	-0.2	1.0	127.1	-0.2	2.4
Meat	132.5	0.4	-3.2	137.6	0.3	-1.5
Fish & Other Seafood	126.5	3.3	-0.2	123.7	0.7	0.7
Dairy Products & Eggs	131.7	0.2	4.3	134.9	0.4	5.7
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	124.4	-0.9	0.8	133.0	-0.4	2.3
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	107.0	0.8	-1.5	110.6	-1.3	-1.2
Fresh Fruit	104.4	0.8	-0.8	112.4	-2.9	-2.9
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	99.3	-3.0	6.2	106.6	-4.1	8.2
Fresh Vegetables	94.4	-3.9	8.3	105.1	-5.3	10.3
Other Food Products	128.2	-0.4	1.5	126.5	1.0	3.5
Coffee & Tea	134.0	-2.9	2.7	133.8	0.1	4.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.1	-0.4	3.7	105.7	1.9	6.6
Food Purchased From Restaurants	134.6	0.0	3.7	132.5	0.1	2.9
Shelter	**108.1**	**-0.1**	**1.8**	**124.4**	**-0.1**	**2.9**
Rented Accommodation	116.2	0.0	0.3	119.6	0.2	0.8
Owned Accommodation	95.6	-0.1	2.4	117.6	0.0	3.1
Property taxes	153.5	0.0	3.7	132.1	0.0	4.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	155.8	0.0	1.5	159.3	-0.7	4.9
Electricity	112.2	0.0	-1.6	126.7	0.0	2.7
Piped Gas	235.0	0.0	5.3	228.9	-3.3	0.0
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	203.3	0.0	18.7	202.4	0.0	27.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	**123.9**	**-0.2**	**0.6**	**115.8**	**0.1**	**0.7**
Household Operations	130.7	-0.2	0.2	121.9	0.1	1.3
Household Furnishings	114.5	-0.2	1.7	106.3	0.1	-0.7
Clothing & Footwear	**111.7**	**-1.9**	**0.1**	**102.2**	**1.3**	**0.4**
Clothing	107.0	-2.9	-1.6	98.2	0.6	-0.8
Women's Clothing	110.1	-2.4	-1.3	98.8	0.7	-0.[illegible]
Men's Clothing	105.7	-4.8	-3.7	100.1	0.7	-1.0
Children's Clothing	100.0	1.9	5.2	90.8	-0.3	-2.9
Footwear	114.3	-1.0	5.8	103.7	3.1	2.7
Transportation	**151.4**	**1.7**	**4.3**	**153.1**	**1.9**	**5.8**
Private Transportation	146.8	1.8	4.3	150.2	2.0	6.0
Operation of Motor Vehicles	162.5	1.7	6.6	172.8	2.9	9.6
Gasoline	198.6	6.6	16.2	183.8	6.6	20.1
Public Transportation	194.4	1.3	4.2	184.7	0.9	3.3
Local & Commuter	154.3	0.0	5.6	152.9	0.0	3.3
Inter-City	211.3	1.7	3.7	210.1	1.4	3.3
Health & Personal Care	**128.3**	**-0.1**	**2.3**	**121.1**	**-0.3**	**1.9**
Health Care	133.3	0.0	2.5	128.4	0.1	2.8
Personal Care	123.1	-0.2	2.0	115.4	-0.6	1.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	**135.1**	**-0.2**	**1.4**	**128.4**	**-0.1**	**-0.2**
Recreation	119.0	-0.3	-1.4	114.2	-0.1	-1.4
Education & Reading	196.2	0.0	8.4	182.4	0.0	3.3
Education	208.7	0.0	9.9	201.4	0.0	3.5
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	155.2	0.0	1.1	146.5	0.0	3.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**145.4**	**0.3**	**1.7**	**148.0**	**0.2**	**2.3**
Alcoholic Beverages	125.7	0.5	1.4	128.1	0.5	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.2	0.0	0.8	127.0	0.3	1.4
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.1	0.0	1.9	139.0	0.9	2.1
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.2	0.0	-0.1	110.6	-0.3	0.2
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	163.3	0.1	2.3	148.3	-0.1	2.6
Cigarettes	163.1	0.1	2.3	147.0	-0.1	2.6
All-Items Excluding Food	125.7	0.2	2.1	128.0	0.5	2.6
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	123.0	0.2	2.1	128.1	0.5	2.6
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	121.7	-0.2	1.3	123.7	0.2	1.5

Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

August 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	August 2005	July 2005	August 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	128.0	0.4	2.6	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	126.7	0.1	2.5	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	128.6	0.2	3.2	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	130.4	0.8	3.0	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	128.1	0.5	2.7	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	124.1	0.4	2.8	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	129.1	0.5	2.7	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	132.1	0.3	2.9	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	132.9	0.4	2.6	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	135.0	0.0	2.4	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**125.9**	**0.2**	**2.1**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	124.4	0.2	2.6	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	123.7	-0.1	2.6	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	103.4	0.4	2.0	101.2	100.2	1.0

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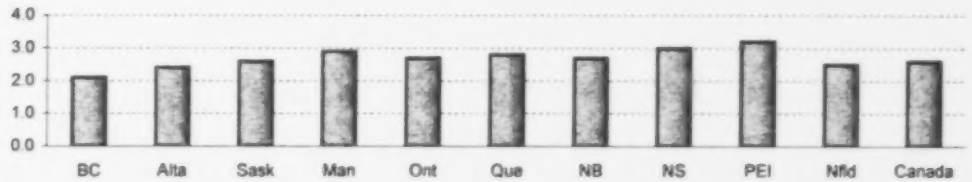

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	August 2005	July 2005	August 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	126.4	0.1	2.4	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	127.4	0.3	3.1	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	128.8	0.7	2.5	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	127.6	0.5	2.7	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	124.8	0.4	2.7	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	124.1	0.5	2.7	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	131.0	0.7	2.8	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	129.2	0.5	2.4	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	126.3	0.6	2.1	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	132.2	0.4	2.9	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	133.8	0.3	2.5	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	132.0	0.4	2.6	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	133.0	-0.1	2.2	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	135.9	0.0	2.3	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**126.4**	**0.1**	**1.9**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**126.0**	**0.1**	**2.2**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**

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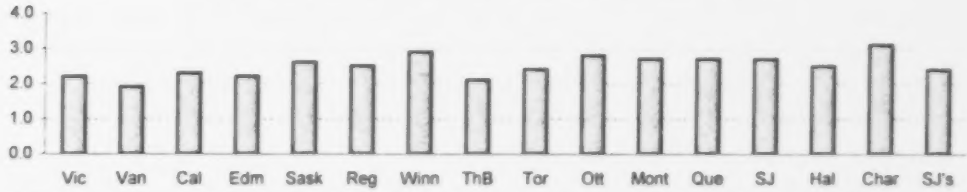

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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1	1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4	1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2	0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7	1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8	2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2	2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2	2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1	2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2	1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0	2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2	2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2	2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005											
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2	2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2	2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6	2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2	1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
June	125.4	0.2	1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9
July	125.7	0.2	1.9	126.8	108.2	124.1	113.9	148.8	128.4	135.4	145.0
Aug	125.9	0.2	2.1	126.6	108.1	123.9	111.7	151.4	128.3	135.1	145.4

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1	1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2	0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3	0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2	1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9	2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1	2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1	2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2	1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1	1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2	2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4	2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2	2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005											
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4	2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6	2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3	2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1	1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
June	127.2	0.2	1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7
July	127.5	0.2	2.0	128.6	124.5	115.7	100.9	150.3	121.5	128.5	147.7
Aug	128.0	0.4	2.6	128.5	124.4	115.8	102.2	153.1	121.1	128.4	148.0

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BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
	Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
	Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
	May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
	June	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7
	July	116.2	95.7	235.0	203.3	112.2	186.3	168.0	125.4	122.8	121.9
	Aug	116.2	95.6	235.0	203.3	112.2	198.6	174.0	125.7	123.0	121.7

[1] *electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
	Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
	Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
	May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
	June	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6
	July	119.4	117.6	236.8	202.4	126.7	172.5	166.3	127.4	127.5	123.5
	Aug	119.6	117.6	228.9	202.4	126.7	183.8	171.4	128.0	128.1	123.7

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

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August 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

		% Change		Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average	Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2004		Month Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1 2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
Mar	124.8	0.3 2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
Apr	125.4	0.5 2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
May	125.7	0.2 1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2
June	125.9	0.2 1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2
July	126.3	0.3 1.9	108.8	116.2	96.3	163.9
Aug	126.4	0.1 1.9	108.8	116.2	96.2	163.9

Victoria

		% Change		Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average	Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2004		Month Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0 2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
Sep	123.6	0.2 2.3	106.8	115.5	95.9	135.1
Oct	123.6	0.0 2.7	107.4	115.4	96.4	137.3
Nov	123.8	0.2 2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2 2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	135.0
2005						
Jan	123.6	0.0 2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
Feb	123.9	0.2 2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
Mar	124.3	0.3 2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
Apr	125.1	0.6 2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
May	125.4	0.2 1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
June	125.6	0.2 1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5
July	125.9	0.2 2.1	109.0	115.9	98.2	139.5
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Consumer Price Index ◆ September 2005

Highlights

- For the second month in a row, BC consumers enjoyed the lowest inflation rate among the provinces, with a 2.4% rise in the Consumer Price Index from last September. Prince Edward Island continues to have the highest increase, with a 5.1% rise from the same month a year ago. Nationally, prices rose 3.4% during the same period.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Charlottetown reported the highest increase in consumer prices compared to last September (+4.6%), followed by Saint John (+3.9%). Vancouver had the lowest year-over-year increase in the CPI (+2.1%), followed by Victoria (+2.6%).

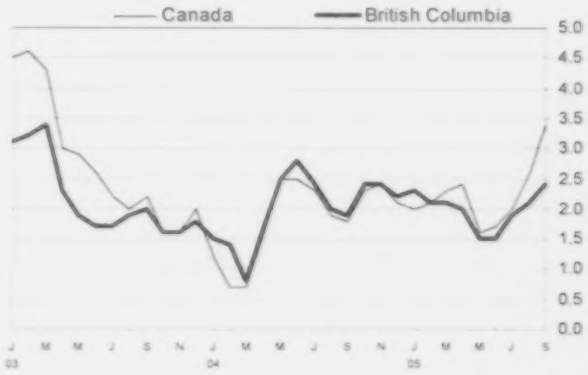
- Recent increases in world crude oil prices exerted a strong rise in inflation across the country, with Canadians paying 37.0% more for fuel oil and 34.7% more for gasoline compared to last September. In BC, consumers paid more for fuel oil (+35.5%), gasoline (+27.4%), public transportation (+5.4%), piped gas (+5.3%), footwear (+5.3%), coffee & tea (+4.5%), dairy products & eggs (+3.9%), property taxes (+3.7%), and food purchased from restaurants (+3.6%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for fresh fruit (-3.1%), meat (-2.2%), men's clothing (-2.1%), and electricity (-1.6%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.2% higher than in September 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.6%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the October Consumer Price Index on November 22, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	September 2005	August 2005	September 2004
Canada	129.1	0.9	3.4
BC	126.5	0.5	2.4
Vancouver	126.7	0.2	2.1
Victoria	126.8	0.6	2.6
Core Canada[1]	126.8	0.3	1.7

BC and Canada Inflation on the Rise



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in September 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	126.6	2.2	1.9
BC	124.7	2.1	2.0
Vancouver	125.2	2.0	2.0
Victoria	124.8	2.3	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, intercity transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

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Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

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Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

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Consumer Price Index ◆ October 2005

Highlights

- Consumer prices across the country slowed as the price of gasoline dropped from record highs in September. Gasoline prices (which account for about 5% of spending in the CPI basket), fell 6.4% in BC and 8.9% nationally from last month.

- Compared to last October, BC's Consumer Price Index rose 2.3%. Saskatchewan posted the smallest increase with a 1.9% rise, while Prince Edward Island continues to have the highest increase, with a 4.6% rise from the same month a year ago. Nationally, prices rose 2.6% during the same period.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Charlottetown reported the highest increase in consumer prices compared to last October (+4.1%). Regina had the lowest year-over-year increase (+1.8%), followed by Vancouver, Saskatoon and Thunder Bay (+1.9%). Victoria's CPI rose 2.5% from last October.

- Compared to last October, BC consumers paid more for fuel oil (+35.9%), gasoline (+18.3%), piped gas (+16.1%), property taxes (+6.3%), local & commuter public transportation (+5.6%), footwear (+5.3%), and coffee & tea (+4.5%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for fresh fruit (-6.4%), clothing & footwear (-2.4%), and electricity (-1.9%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.4% higher than in October 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.5%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the November Consumer Price Index on December 20, 2005.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	October 2005	September 2005	October 2004
Canada	128.5	-0.5	2.6
BC	126.3	-0.2	2.3
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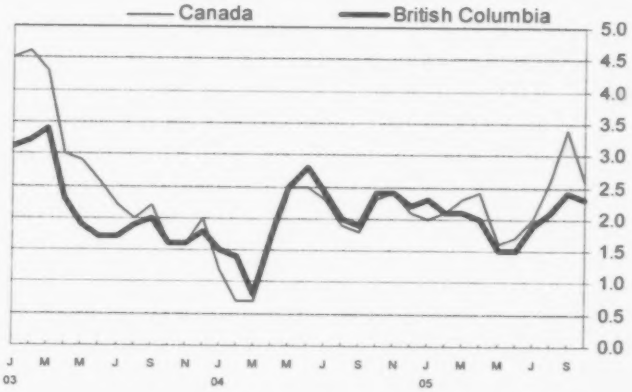
Pump Prices Slow Inflation Trend



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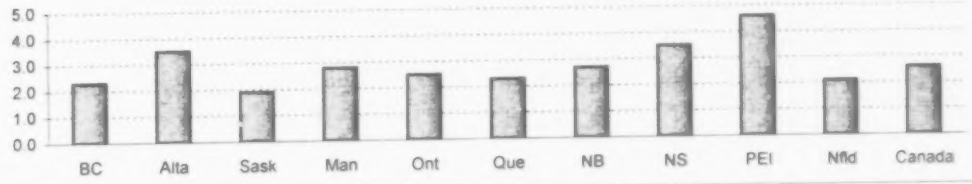
October 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index October 2005	% Change September 2005	% Change October 2004	Index October 2005	% Change September 2005	% Change October 2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**126.3**	**-0.2**	**2.3**	**128.5**	**-0.5**	**2.**
Food	**126.6**	**0.9**	**1.6**	**127.7**	**0.3**	**1.9**
Food Purchased From Stores	122.9	1.3	0.7	125.7	0.3	1.5
Meat	133.9	1.4	-0.6	137.0	-0.1	-0.4
Fish & Other Seafood	123.2	-1.4	1.0	121.5	-0.9	-0.4
Dairy Products & Eggs	132.2	0.5	4.1	134.1	-0.3	5.3
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	125.8	1.4	0.6	134.4	1.0	2.2
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	107.7	3.5	-2.7	107.8	2.2	-2.6
Fresh Fruit	102.8	4.2	-6.4	107.7	3.2	-6.0
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	96.8	1.4	0.4	101.2	0.9	1.0
Fresh Vegetables	91.5	1.6	-0.8	98.5	1.8	0.2
Other Food Products	127.3	1.2	1.6	125.1	0.0	2.2
Coffee & Tea	135.5	-0.4	5.3	134.0	-0.4	4.5
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	77.0	0.4	1.2	103.0	-1.6	3.8
Food Purchased From Restaurants	134.5	-0.1	3.3	133.2	0.3	3.0
Shelter	**109.7**	**1.1**	**2.5**	**126.0**	**0.6**	**3.4**
Rented Accommodation	116.3	0.1	0.3	119.8	0.1	0.8
Owned Accommodation	97.0	1.3	2.8	118.7	0.8	2.8
Property taxes	163.2	6.3	6.3	136.3	3.2	3.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	161.3	2.4	4.5	166.0	0.9	9.4
Electricity	112.2	0.0	-1.9	127.0	0.2	2.6
Piped Gas	259.5	10.4	16.1	250.3	1.8	19.2
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	248.8	3.7	35.9	236.8	2.9	29.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	**123.5**	**-0.9**	**1.6**	**115.7**	**-0.4**	**0.6**
Household Operations	131.4	-0.2	1.4	122.3	0.0	1.7
Household Furnishings	112.2	-2.3	1.8	105.6	-1.1	-1.3
Clothing & Footwear	**111.2**	**-1.9**	**-2.4**	**104.5**	**-1.2**	**-0.9**
Clothing	107.0	-2.0	-3.3	101.3	-1.9	-2.0
Women's Clothing	108.1	-2.3	-3.7	102.1	-3.9	-2.3
Men's Clothing	109.1	-1.7	-3.7	102.8	-0.6	-1.9
Children's Clothing	96.8	-1.8	-0.2	93.8	1.5	-1.8
Footwear	110.8	-3.7	-3.3	104.6	0.0	-0.3
Transportation	**151.6**	**-1.6**	**5.4**	**153.3**	**-2.4**	**6.0**
Private Transportation	147.6	-1.7	5.7	150.8	-2.5	6.3
Operation of Motor Vehicles	163.6	-3.0	7.4	173.4	-4.6	8.3
Gasoline	201.7	-6.4	18.3	185.4	-8.9	17.0
Public Transportation	188.3	-1.5	2.8	180.8	-0.8	2.7
Local & Commuter	154.3	0.0	5.6	153.5	0.3	3.7
Inter-City	202.3	-2.1	1.9	202.5	-1.5	2.0
Health & Personal Care	**127.7**	**-0.1**	**1.9**	**121.2**	**0.1**	**1.8**
Health Care	134.0	0.4	2.8	128.6	0.2	2.7
Personal Care	121.2	-0.7	0.9	115.3	0.1	0.8
Recreation, Education & Reading	**134.8**	**-1.0**	**0.8**	**128.0**	**-0.9**	**-0.3**
Recreation	117.5	-1.4	0.3	113.0	-1.1	-1.1
Education & Reading	200.3	-0.1	2.2	185.2	0.0	1.9
Education	213.9	-0.1	2.6	204.8	-0.1	1.7
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	155.1	-0.1	-0.1	147.8	0.4	2.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**145.3**	**-0.1**	**1.4**	**147.9**	**-0.3**	**2.4**
Alcoholic Beverages	125.7	0.0	1.2	127.5	-0.8	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.3	0.0	0.7	126.1	-1.3	0.4
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.1	0.0	1.9	137.4	-1.8	0.4
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.5	-0.4	-0.4	110.9	-0.4	0.5
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	162.9	-0.1	1.6	148.6	0.1	3.1
Cigarettes	162.8	-0.1	1.6	147.3	0.1	3.1
All-Items Excluding Food	126.2	-0.4	2.4	128.7	-0.6	2.7
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	123.4	-0.2	2.2	128.5	-0.5	2.6
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	121.9	-0.1	1.4	124.1	-0.1	1.5

October 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

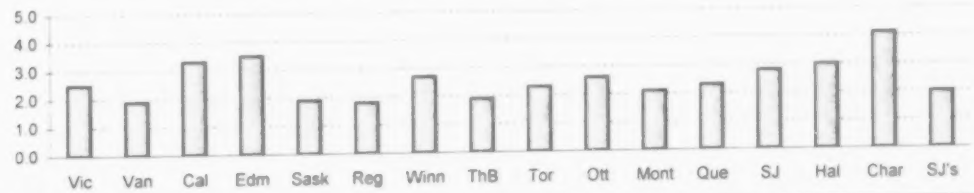
Provinces	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	October 2005	September 2005	October 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	128.5	-0.5	2.6	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	126.8	-1.3	2.1	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	131.3	-0.2	4.6	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	131.6	-0.5	3.5	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	128.5	-0.8	2.7	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	124.5	-0.6	2.3	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	129.4	-0.5	2.5	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	132.3	-0.3	2.8	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	133.0	-0.4	1.9	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	136.2	-0.3	3.5	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**126.3**	**-0.2**	**2.3**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	125.6	0.0	3.1	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	125.0	0.4	3.6	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	103.3	-0.5	2.1	101.2	100.2	1.0

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	October 2005	September 2005	October 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	126.5	-1.3	2.0	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	129.6	-0.2	4.1	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	129.9	-0.5	3.0	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	128.2	-0.6	2.8	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	125.1	-0.7	2.3	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	124.4	-0.6	2.1	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	131.2	-0.5	2.6	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	129.4	-0.4	2.3	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	126.6	-0.5	1.9	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	132.3	-0.3	2.7	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	133.7	-0.5	1.8	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	132.1	-0.4	1.9	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	134.3	-0.4	3.5	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	137.0	-0.2	3.3	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**126.5**	**-0.2**	**1.9**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**126.7**	**-0.1**	**2.5**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

October 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7	117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3	120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1	122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0	124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2004		Month / Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1 / 1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4 / 1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2 / 0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7 / 1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8 / 2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2 / 2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2 / 2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1 / 2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2 / 1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0 / 2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2 / 2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2 / 2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005										
Jan	123.6	0.1 / 2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2 / 2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2 / 2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6 / 2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2 / 1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
June	125.4	0.2 / 1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9
July	125.7	0.2 / 1.9	126.8	108.2	124.1	113.9	148.8	128.4	135.4	145.0
Aug	125.9	0.2 / 2.1	126.6	108.1	123.9	111.7	151.4	128.3	135.1	145.4
Sep	126.5	0.5 / 2.4	125.5	108.5	124.6	113.3	154.1	127.8	136.2	145.4
Oct	126.3	-0.2 / 2.3	126.6	109.7	123.5	111.2	151.6	127.7	134.8	145.3

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6	117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2	120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8	122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9	124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2004		Month / Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1 / 1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2 / 0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3 / 0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2 / 1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9 / 2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1 / 2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1 / 2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2 / 1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1 / 1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2 / 2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4 / 2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2 / 2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005										
Jan	125.3	-0.1 / 2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4 / 2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6 / 2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3 / 2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1 / 1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
June	127.2	0.2 / 1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7
July	127.5	0.2 / 2.0	128.6	124.5	115.7	100.9	150.3	121.5	128.5	147.7
Aug	128.0	0.4 / 2.6	128.5	124.4	115.8	102.2	153.1	121.1	128.4	148.0
Sep	129.1	0.9 / 3.4	127.3	125.2	116.2	105.8	157.0	121.1	129.1	148.3
Oct	128.5	-0.5 / 2.6	127.7	126.0	115.7	104.5	153.3	121.2	128.0	147.9

October 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
	Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
	Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
	May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
	June	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7
	July	116.2	95.7	235.0	203.3	112.2	186.3	168.0	125.4	122.8	121.9
	Aug	116.2	95.6	235.0	203.3	112.2	198.6	174.0	125.7	123.0	121.7
	Sep	116.2	95.8	235.0	240.0	112.2	215.6	183.2	126.7	123.7	122.0
	Oct	116.3	97.0	259.5	248.8	112.2	201.7	178.4	126.2	123.4	121.9

[1] electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
	Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
	Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
	May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
	June	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6
	July	119.4	117.6	236.8	202.4	126.7	172.5	166.3	127.4	127.5	123.5
	Aug	119.6	117.6	228.9	202.4	126.7	183.8	171.4	128.0	128.1	123.7
	Sep	119.7	117.8	245.9	230.1	126.7	203.6	184.2	129.5	129.1	124.2
	Oct	119.8	118.7	250.3	236.8	127.0	185.4	175.8	128.7	128.5	124.1

** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

October 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2 / 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 / 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 / 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 / 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 / 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 / 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 / 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 / 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 / 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 / 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 / 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 / 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 / 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1 / 2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
Mar	124.8	0.3 / 2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
Apr	125.4	0.5 / 2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
May	125.7	0.2 / 1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2
June	125.9	0.2 / 1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2
July	126.3	0.3 / 1.9	108.8	116.2	96.3	163.9
Aug	126.4	0.1 / 1.9	108.8	116.2	96.2	163.9
Sep	126.7	0.2 / 2.1	108.6	116.2	95.9	164.2
Oct	126.5	-0.2 / 1.9	109.9	116.2	97.2	168.7

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2004		Month / Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1 / 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 / 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 / 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 / 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 / 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 / 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 / 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0 / 2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
Sep	123.6	0.2 / 2.3	106.8	115.5	95.9	135.1
Oct	123.6	0.0 / 2.7	107.4	115.4	96.4	137.3
Nov	123.8	0.2 / 2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2 / 2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	135.0
2005						
Jan	123.6	0.0 / 2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
Feb	123.9	0.2 / 2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
Mar	124.3	0.3 / 2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
Apr	125.1	0.6 / 2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
May	125.4	0.2 / 1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
June	125.6	0.2 / 1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5
July	125.9	0.2 / 2.1	109.0	115.9	98.2	139.5
Aug	126.0	0.1 / 2.2	108.9	115.8	98.1	139.5
Sep	126.8	0.6 / 2.6	110.0	115.9	99.1	142.6
Oct	126.7	-0.1 / 2.5	111.1	116.0	100.3	145.2

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Consumer Price Index ◆ November 2005

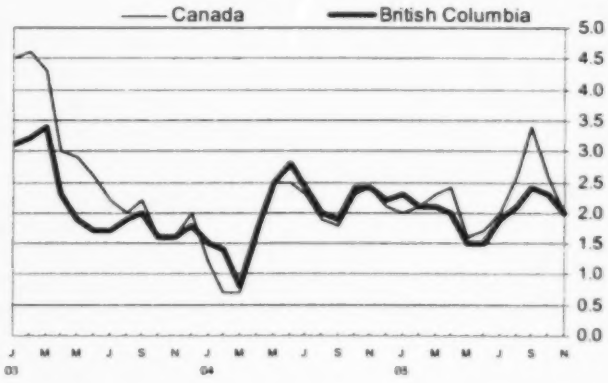
Highlights

- The November All-Items Consumer Price Index dropped in nearly every province across the country from last month.
- Compared to November 2004, BC's Consumer Price Index rose 2.0%. Saskatchewan posted the smallest increase with a 1.1% rise, while Prince Edward Island continues to have the highest increase, with a 2.4% rise from the same month a year ago. Nationally, prices rose 2.0% during the same period.
- Among the metropolitan areas, Edmonton reported the highest increase in consumer prices compared to last November (+2.7%), followed by Calgary (+2.5%). Regina had the lowest year-over-year increase (+1.1%). Victoria's CPI rose 2.3% from last November while prices in Vancouver rose 1.8% over the same period.
- Compared to last November, BC consumers paid more for fuel oil (+29.2%), piped gas (+16.1%), gasoline (+12.7%), property taxes (+6.3%), public transportation (+5.0%), dairy products & eggs (+3.7%), coffee & tea (+3.5%), and food purchased from restaurants (+3.4%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for fresh vegetables (-8.2%), fresh fruit (-2.8%), clothing & footwear (-2.1%), and electricity (-1.9%).
- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.5% higher than in November 2004. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.4%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the December Consumer Price Index on January 18, 2006.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	November 2005	October 2005	November 2004
Canada	128.2	-0.2	2.0
BC	126.2	-0.1	2.0
Vancouver	126.4	-0.1	1.8
Victoria	126.6	-0.1	2.3
Core Canada[1]	127.3	0.4	1.6

Inflation Trend Dropping



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in November 2005	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	127.1	2.2	1.9
BC	125.1	2.0	2.0
Vancouver	125.6	1.9	2.0
Victoria	125.3	2.3	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, intercity transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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November 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index	% Change		Index	% Change	
	November	October	November	November	October	November
	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**126.2**	**-0.1**	**2.0**	**128.2**	**-0.2**	**2.0**
Food	**126.9**	**0.2**	**1.1**	**128.4**	**0.5**	**1.4**
Food Purchased From Stores	123.2	0.2	-0.2	126.6	0.7	0.8
Meat	133.3	-0.4	-0.4	136.9	-0.1	0.2
Fish & Other Seafood	123.1	-0.1	0.4	121.3	-0.2	0.1
Dairy Products & Eggs	131.3	-0.7	3.7	134.4	0.2	5.2
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	125.6	-0.2	0.4	134.2	-0.1	1.7
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	108.8	1.0	-2.3	107.4	-0.4	-3.1
Fresh Fruit	106.2	3.3	-2.8	108.5	0.7	-5.0
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	100.0	3.3	-5.3	109.2	7.9	-4.9
Fresh Vegetables	94.6	3.4	-8.2	108.3	9.9	-7.3
Other Food Products	127.2	-0.1	0.8	125.3	0.2	2.0
Coffee & Tea	134.3	-0.9	3.5	134.1	0.1	4.4
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	77.4	0.5	1.3	104.3	1.3	4.7
Food Purchased From Restaurants	134.8	0.2	3.4	133.4	0.2	2.8
Shelter	**109.6**	**-0.1**	**2.2**	**126.1**	**0.1**	**3.2**
Rented Accommodation	116.3	0.0	0.3	119.8	0.0	0.8
Owned Accommodation	96.9	-0.1	2.5	119.0	0.3	2.8
Property taxes	163.2	0.0	6.3	136.3	0.0	3.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	161.0	-0.2	4.1	165.5	-0.3	8.0
Electricity	112.2	0.0	-1.9	126.7	-0.2	2.3
Piped Gas	259.5	0.0	16.1	253.4	1.2	18.7
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	244.0	-1.9	29.2	228.6	-3.5	18.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	**123.7**	**0.2**	**1.6**	**116.2**	**0.4**	**1.0**
Household Operations	131.5	0.1	1.3	122.5	0.2	1.6
Household Furnishings	112.5	0.3	2.0	106.5	0.9	-0.3
Clothing & Footwear	**111.5**	**0.3**	**-2.1**	**101.8**	**-2.6**	**-1.4**
Clothing	107.1	0.1	-3.3	98.1	-3.2	-2.0
Women's Clothing	106.8	-1.2	-5.6	98.0	-4.0	-1.9
Men's Clothing	111.5	2.2	-0.4	101.2	-1.6	-1.3
Children's Clothing	95.3	-1.5	-3.0	90.2	-3.8	-3.8
Footwear	110.9	0.1	-2.2	103.1	-1.4	-0.9
Transportation	**150.9**	**-0.5**	**4.4**	**152.2**	**-0.7**	**3.7**
Private Transportation	147.0	-0.4	4.3	149.7	-0.7	3.7
Operation of Motor Vehicles	157.7	-3.6	5.4	164.5	-5.1	4.7
Gasoline	183.3	-9.1	12.7	164.6	-11.2	9.4
Public Transportation	186.5	-1.0	5.0	180.0	-0.4	4.0
Local & Commuter	154.3	0.0	5.6	155.0	1.0	4.7
Inter-City	199.6	-1.3	4.7	199.9	-1.3	3.6
Health & Personal Care	**128.6**	**0.7**	**2.1**	**121.7**	**0.4**	**2.4**
Health Care	134.0	0.0	2.7	129.0	0.3	3.1
Personal Care	123.1	1.6	1.5	116.0	0.6	1.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	**134.1**	**-0.5**	**1.1**	**127.1**	**-0.7**	**-0.2**
Recreation	116.5	-0.9	0.5	111.9	-1.0	-1.1
Education & Reading	200.3	0.0	2.2	185.2	0.0	1.8
Education	213.9	0.0	2.6	204.8	0.0	1.7
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	155.1	0.0	-0.1	147.8	0.0	2.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**145.5**	**0.1**	**1.9**	**148.3**	**0.3**	**2.5**
Alcoholic Beverages	126.0	0.2	1.4	128.5	0.8	1.7
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.3	0.0	0.8	127.3	1.0	1.2
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.1	0.0	1.9	139.5	1.5	1.5
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.8	0.3	-0.1	111.2	0.3	0.7
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	162.9	0.0	2.3	148.5	-0.1	3.0
Cigarettes	162.8	0.0	2.3	147.2	-0.1	3.0
All-Items Excluding Food	126.0	-0.2	2.2	128.3	-0.3	2.2
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	123.3	-0.1	2.0	128.3	-0.2	2.1
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	122.4	0.4	1.5	124.6	0.4	1.4

November 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	November 2005	October 2005	November 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
Canada	128.2	-0.2	2.0	124.6	122.3	1.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	126.9	0.1	1.9	122.9	120.7	1.8
Prince Edward Island	130.3	-0.8	2.4	124.5	121.9	2.1
Nova Scotia	130.7	-0.7	2.3	126.1	123.9	1.8
New Brunswick	128.3	-0.2	2.1	124.4	122.6	1.5
Quebec	124.2	-0.2	2.0	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ontario	129.1	-0.2	2.0	125.6	123.3	1.9
Manitoba	132.0	-0.2	1.9	127.8	125.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	132.8	-0.2	1.1	129.3	126.5	2.2
Alberta	136.1	-0.1	2.7	131.5	129.7	1.4
British Columbia	**126.2**	**-0.1**	**2.0**	**122.8**	**120.4**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	126.0	0.3	2.4	121.1	119.9	1.0
Yellowknife	125.4	0.3	3.0	119.1	118.4	0.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	103.8	0.5	2.0	101.2	100.2	1.0

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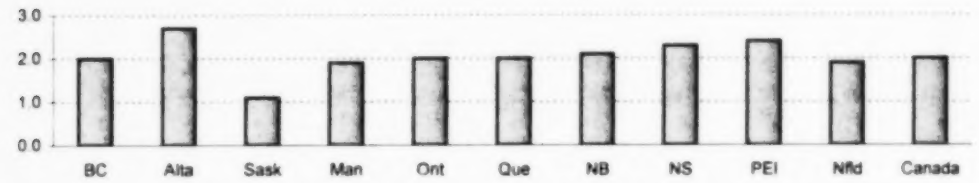

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	November 2005	October 2005	November 2004	2004	2003	2003/04
St. John's	126.6	0.1	1.9	122.8	120.6	1.8
Charlottetown	128.9	-0.5	2.3	123.5	120.9	2.2
Halifax	129.1	-0.6	1.9	125.0	122.9	1.7
Saint John	127.9	-0.2	2.1	124.0	122.2	1.5
Quebec City	124.9	-0.2	2.0	121.4	119.1	1.9
Montreal	124.3	-0.1	2.1	120.7	118.4	1.9
Ottawa	131.0	-0.2	2.1	127.3	124.9	1.9
Toronto	129.3	-0.1	1.9	126.3	124.2	1.7
Thunder Bay	126.3	-0.2	1.4	123.6	122.1	1.2
Winnipeg	132.0	-0.2	1.9	127.9	125.5	1.9
Regina	133.5	-0.1	1.1	130.3	127.5	2.2
Saskatoon	132.0	-0.1	1.3	128.4	125.8	2.1
Edmonton	134.2	-0.1	2.7	129.7	128.4	1.0
Calgary	136.9	-0.1	2.5	132.5	130.2	1.8
Vancouver	**126.4**	**-0.1**	**1.8**	**123.4**	**121.0**	**2.0**
Victoria	**126.6**	**-0.1**	**2.3**	**122.8**	**120.0**	**2.3**

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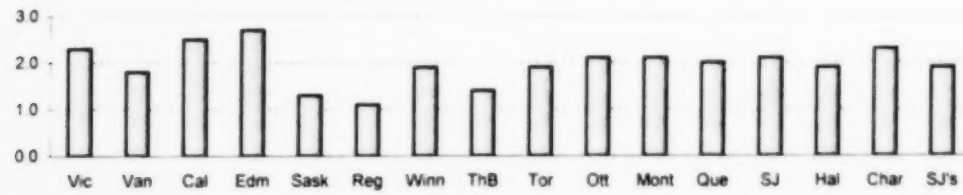

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November 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	115.2	1.7	117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3	120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1	122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0	124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2004		Month / Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1 / 1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4 / 1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2 / 0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7 / 1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8 / 2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2 / 2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2 / 2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1 / 2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2 / 1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0 / 2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2 / 2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2 / 2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005										
Jan	123.6	0.1 / 2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2 / 2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2 / 2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6 / 2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2 / 1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
June	125.4	0.2 / 1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9
July	125.7	0.2 / 1.9	126.8	108.2	124.1	113.9	148.8	128.4	135.4	145.0
Aug	125.9	0.2 / 2.1	126.6	108.1	123.9	111.7	151.4	128.3	135.1	145.4
Sep	126.5	0.5 / 2.4	125.5	108.5	124.6	113.3	154.1	127.8	136.2	145.4
Oct	126.3	-0.2 / 2.3	126.6	109.7	123.5	111.2	151.6	127.7	134.8	145.3
Nov	126.2	-0.1 / 2.0	126.9	109.6	123.7	111.5	150.9	128.6	134.1	145.5

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2001	116.4	2.6	117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2	120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8	122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9	124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2004		Month / Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1 / 1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2 / 0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3 / 0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2 / 1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9 / 2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1 / 2.5	125.6	120.3	115.0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1 / 2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2 / 1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1 / 1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2 / 2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4 / 2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2 / 2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005										
Jan	125.3	-0.1 / 2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4 / 2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6 / 2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3 / 2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1 / 1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
June	127.2	0.2 / 1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7
July	127.5	0.2 / 2.0	128.6	124.5	115.7	100.9	150.3	121.5	128.5	147.7
Aug	128.0	0.4 / 2.6	128.5	124.4	115.8	102.2	153.1	121.1	128.4	148.0
Sep	129.1	0.9 / 3.4	127.3	125.2	116.2	105.8	157.0	121.1	129.1	148.3
Oct	128.5	-0.5 / 2.6	127.7	126.0	115.7	104.5	153.3	121.2	128.0	147.9
Nov	128.2	-0.2 / 2.0	128.4	126.1	116.2	101.8	152.2	121.7	127.1	148.3

November 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
	Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
	Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
	May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
	June	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7
	July	116.2	95.7	235.0	203.3	112.2	186.3	168.0	125.4	122.8	121.9
	Aug	116.2	95.6	235.0	203.3	112.2	198.6	174.0	125.7	123.0	121.7
	Sep	116.2	95.8	235.0	240.0	112.2	215.6	183.2	126.7	123.7	122.0
	Oct	116.3	97.0	259.5	248.8	112.2	201.7	178.4	126.2	123.4	121.9
	Nov	116.3	96.9	259.5	244.0	112.2	183.3	169.5	126.0	123.3	122.4

[1] electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
	Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
	Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
	May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
	June	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6
	July	119.4	117.6	236.8	202.4	126.7	172.5	166.3	127.4	127.5	123.5
	Aug	119.6	117.6	228.9	202.4	126.7	183.8	171.4	128.0	128.1	123.7
	Sep	119.7	117.8	245.9	230.1	126.7	203.6	184.2	129.5	129.1	124.2
	Oct	119.8	118.7	250.3	236.8	127.0	185.4	175.8	128.7	128.5	124.1
	Nov	119.8	119.0	253.4	228.6	126.7	164.6	165.1	128.3	128.3	124.6

** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

November 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

		% Change		Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
2001	116.0	1.8		103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2		103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0		105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0		107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2004		Month	Year				
Jan	121.3	-0.2	1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4	1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3	0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7	1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8	2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1	2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2	2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1	2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1	1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1	2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0	2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0	2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005							
Jan	124.3	0.1	2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1	2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
Mar	124.8	0.3	2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
Apr	125.4	0.5	2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
May	125.7	0.2	1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2
June	125.9	0.2	1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2
July	126.3	0.3	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.3	163.9
Aug	126.4	0.1	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.2	163.9
Sep	126.7	0.2	2.1	108.6	116.2	95.9	164.2
Oct	126.5	-0.2	1.9	109.9	116.2	97.2	168.7
Nov	126.4	-0.1	1.8	109.8	116.3	97.1	168.6

Victoria

		% Change		Accommodation		Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
2001	114.3	1.2		98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7		100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2		102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3		106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2004		Month	Year				
Jan	120.6	-0.1	1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3	1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2	1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7	1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8	2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2	3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2	2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0	2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
Sep	123.6	0.2	2.3	106.8	115.5	95.9	135.1
Oct	123.6	0.0	2.7	107.4	115.4	96.4	137.3
Nov	123.8	0.2	2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2	2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	135.0
2005							
Jan	123.6	0.0	2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
Feb	123.9	0.2	2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
Mar	124.3	0.3	2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
Apr	125.1	0.6	2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
May	125.4	0.2	1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
June	125.6	0.2	1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5
July	125.9	0.2	2.1	109.0	115.9	98.2	139.5
Aug	126.0	0.1	2.2	108.9	115.8	98.1	139.5
Sep	126.8	0.6	2.6	110.0	115.9	99.1	142.6
Oct	126.7	-0.1	2.5	111.1	116.0	100.3	145.2
Nov	126.6	-0.1	2.3	111.0	116.0	100.3	143.8

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Consumer Price Index ◆ December 2005

Highlights – Annual Averages

- British Columbia's annual average all-items Consumer Price Index was 2.0% higher in 2005 than in 2004, being the province with the lowest rate in the country. Iqaluit had a lower annual increase at 1.7%. The province with the highest rate of inflation was PEI with a 3.2% increase.

- Of the metropolitan areas, annual average price increases from 2004 ranged from a low of 1.7% in Thunder Bay to a high of 2.9% in Charlottetown. Over the same period, the Vancouver CPI rose 1.9%, while Victoria prices rose 2.2%.

- Fuel oil, gasoline and tuition were the main contributors to BC's annual inflation. Fuel oil rose 25.7% last year after a 12.6% increase the previous year. Gasoline continued to climb at 12.2% and tuition was 9.4% last year compared to 21.1% in 2004. Piped gas rose 7.5% while electricity remained the same.

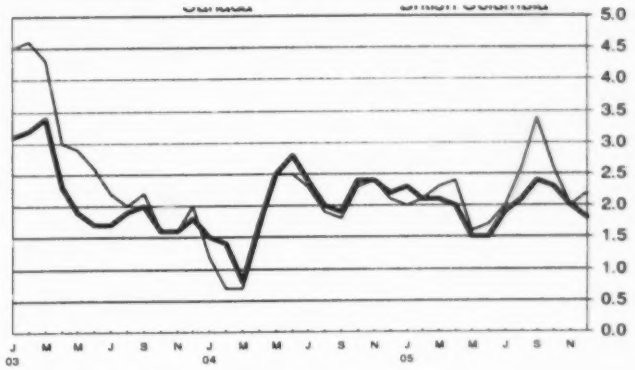
- In BC the energy component of the CPI rose 7.5% in 2004 compared to the national rate of 9.7%.

- BC's 2005 annual average CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 1.5% from 2004. The figure for Canada was 1.4%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the January Consumer Price Index on February 22, 2006.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	December 2005	November 2005	December 2004
Canada	128.1	-0.1	2.2
BC	125.7	-0.4	1.8
Vancouver	126.1	-0.2	1.5
Victoria	126.1	-0.4	2.0
Core Canada[1]	127.2	-0.1	1.6

BC Inflation Trend Continues to Drop



1992=100	2005 Annual Average Index	2005 Annual Average % Change	2004 Annual Average % Change
Canada	127.3	2.2	1.9
BC	125.3	2.0	2.0
Vancouver	125.7	1.9	2.0
Victoria	125.5	2.2	2.3

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, intercity transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment

of rebates has had a significant effect on the rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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December 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index	% Change		Index	% Change	
	December	November	December	December	November	December
	2005	2005	2004	2005	2005	2004
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**125.7**	**-0.4**	**1.8**	**128.1**	**-0.1**	**2.2**
Food	**127.4**	**0.4**	**1.2**	**129.3**	**0.7**	**1.7**
Food Purchased From Stores	124.0	0.6	0.6	127.7	0.9	1.1
Meat	133.9	0.5	1.1	136.5	-0.3	-0.1
Fish & Other Seafood	121.6	-1.2	-0.3	119.8	-1.2	-0.8
Dairy Products & Eggs	131.6	0.2	3.4	134.9	0.4	5.3
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	126.6	0.8	0.9	135.4	0.9	2.7
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	111.3	2.3	3.4	110.7	3.1	-0.3
Fresh Fruit	108.7	2.4	5.6	113.2	4.3	-0.5
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	105.1	5.1	-5.2	116.7	6.9	-3.9
Fresh Vegetables	101.3	7.1	-7.6	118.1	9.0	-5.8
Other Food Products	125.1	-1.7	0.0	124.4	-0.7	1.6
Coffee & Tea	138.9	3.4	6.9	136.1	1.5	6.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	70.4	-9.0	-5.6	99.9	-4.2	2.7
Food Purchased From Restaurants	134.9	0.1	2.3	133.8	0.3	2.6
Shelter	**109.5**	**-0.1**	**2.2**	**125.7**	**-0.3**	**2.8**
Rented Accommodation	116.3	0.0	0.3	119.9	0.1	0.8
Owned Accommodation	96.9	0.0	2.3	119.3	0.3	2.8
Property taxes	163.2	0.0	6.3	136.3	0.0	3.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	160.3	-0.4	5.0	161.3	-2.5	6.0
Electricity	112.5	0.3	0.3	125.5	-0.9	1.6
Piped Gas	259.5	0.0	14.8	238.0	-6.1	11.9
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	221.9	-9.1	23.5	217.3	-4.9	16.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	**122.7**	**-0.8**	**0.2**	**116.2**	**0.0**	**0.8**
Household Operations	131.4	-0.1	0.9	122.6	0.1	1.5
Household Furnishings	110.0	-2.2	-1.3	106.4	-0.1	-0.4
Clothing & Footwear	**110.4**	**-1.0**	**0.5**	**100.4**	**-1.4**	**-0.4**
Clothing	104.6	-2.3	-0.9	96.1	-2.0	-0.9
Women's Clothing	104.6	-2.1	-1.6	95.3	-2.8	-1.1
Men's Clothing	108.9	-2.3	0.1	99.6	-1.6	-0.4
Children's Clothing	92.1	-3.4	-1.5	89.5	-0.8	-1.4
Footwear	113.1	2.0	2.9	102.6	-0.5	0.8
Transportation	**149.2**	**-1.1**	**3.5**	**152.1**	**-0.1**	**4.3**
Private Transportation	145.1	-1.3	3.6	149.5	-0.1	4.5
Operation of Motor Vehicles	154.5	-2.0	4.8	164.1	-0.2	6.9
Gasoline	174.4	-4.9	11.5	163.6	-0.6	14.6
Public Transportation	187.2	0.4	2.9	180.8	0.4	2.6
Local & Commuter	154.3	0.0	5.6	155.6	0.4	5.1
Inter-City	200.6	0.5	1.9	200.9	0.5	1.1
Health & Personal Care	**128.4**	**-0.2**	**1.8**	**121.5**	**-0.2**	**2.0**
Health Care	133.6	-0.3	2.1	128.8	-0.2	2.7
Personal Care	123.0	-0.1	1.5	115.7	-0.3	1.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	**133.7**	**-0.3**	**0.9**	**126.6**	**-0.4**	**-0.2**
Recreation	116.1	-0.3	0.3	111.3	-0.5	-1.1
Education & Reading	200.4	0.0	2.5	185.3	0.1	2.0
Education	213.9	0.0	2.6	204.8	0.0	1.7
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	155.7	0.4	1.6	148.1	0.2	3.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**145.3**	**-0.1**	**1.7**	**147.5**	**-0.5**	**2.1**
Alcoholic Beverages	125.9	-0.1	1.3	127.3	-0.9	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.1	-0.2	0.5	125.5	-1.4	0.5
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.1	0.0	1.9	135.9	-2.6	0.3
Liquor Purchased from Stores	103.5	-0.3	-0.5	110.6	-0.5	0.7
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	162.5	-0.2	1.9	148.2	-0.2	2.7
Cigarettes	162.4	-0.2	2.0	146.9	-0.2	2.7
All-Items Excluding Food	125.4	-0.5	2.0	127.9	-0.3	2.2
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	122.9	-0.3	1.8	128.2	-0.1	2.2
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	122.1	-0.2	1.2	124.5	-0.1	1.3

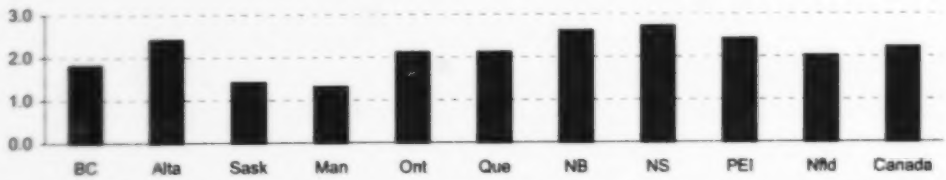
Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

December 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	December 2005	November 2005	December 2004	2005	2004	2004/05
Canada	128.1	-0.1	2.2	127.3	124.6	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	126.6	-0.2	2.0	126.1	122.9	2.6
Prince Edward Island	129.4	-0.7	2.4	128.5	124.5	3.2
Nova Scotia	130.9	0.2	2.7	129.6	126.1	2.8
New Brunswick	128.5	0.2	2.6	127.4	124.4	2.4
Quebec	124.1	-0.1	2.1	123.5	120.7	2.3
Ontario	129.2	0.1	2.1	128.4	125.6	2.2
Manitoba	131.6	-0.3	1.3	131.2	127.8	2.7
Saskatchewan	132.7	-0.1	1.4	132.2	129.3	2.2
Alberta	135.4	-0.5	2.4	134.3	131.5	2.1
British Columbia	**125.7**	**-0.4**	**1.8**	**125.3**	**122.8**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	125.1	-0.7	2.3	123.8	121.1	2.2
Yellowknife	125.4	0.0	2.7	123.6	120.8	2.3
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	103.6	-0.2	1.4	102.9	101.2	1.7

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	December 2005	November 2005	December 2004	2005	2004	2004/05
St. John's	126.3	-0.2	1.9	125.9	122.8	2.5
Charlottetown	128.1	-0.6	2.2	127.1	123.5	2.9
Halifax	129.3	0.2	2.5	128.1	125.0	2.5
Saint John	128.0	0.1	2.6	126.9	124.0	2.3
Quebec City	124.8	-0.1	2.2	124.1	121.4	2.2
Montreal	124.1	-0.2	2.1	123.4	120.7	2.2
Ottawa	131.0	0.0	2.3	130.2	127.3	2.3
Toronto	129.5	0.2	2.1	128.6	126.3	1.8
Thunder Bay	126.4	0.1	1.7	125.7	123.6	1.7
Winnipeg	131.6	-0.3	1.3	131.2	127.9	2.6
Regina	133.5	0.0	1.4	133.1	130.3	2.1
Saskatoon	131.9	-0.1	1.5	131.4	128.4	2.3
Edmonton	133.3	-0.7	2.2	132.4	129.7	2.1
Calgary	136.5	-0.3	2.6	135.1	132.5	2.0
Vancouver	**126.1**	**-0.2**	**1.5**	**125.7**	**123.4**	**1.9**
Victoria	**126.1**	**-0.4**	**2.0**	**125.5**	**122.8**	**2.2**

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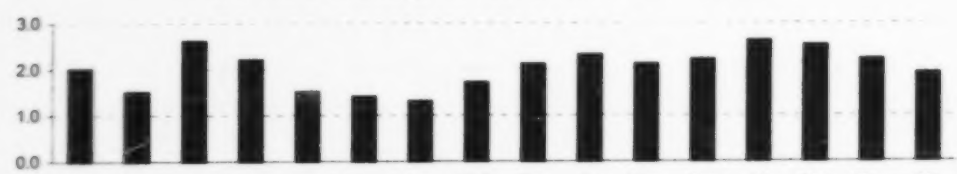

Source: Statistics Canada

Produced by: BC Stats

December 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	117.9	1.7		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2005	125.3	2.0		126.0	108.2	123.7	112.5	149.1	127.7	134.0	144.7
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	120.8	-0.1	1.5	124.1	104.4	122.6	109.2	138.4	122.8	128.7	140.9
Feb	121.3	0.4	1.4	123.2	104.7	123.3	112.3	138.9	123.4	130.0	142.9
Mar	121.6	0.2	0.8	123.5	104.6	123.6	112.9	140.2	123.7	130.5	142.9
Apr	122.4	0.7	1.7	123.7	105.7	123.9	111.3	142.4	125.1	130.4	143.1
May	123.4	0.8	2.5	124.1	105.8	123.8	112.6	146.3	125.3	132.5	143.5
Jun	123.6	0.2	2.8	125.5	105.9	122.9	111.5	146.3	124.9	133.4	143.4
Jul	123.4	-0.2	2.4	124.7	106.1	123.1	112.2	144.8	125.5	133.5	142.7
Aug	123.3	-0.1	2.0	124.3	106.2	123.1	111.6	145.1	125.4	133.3	142.9
Sep	123.5	0.2	1.9	123.6	106.6	122.7	113.0	144.0	126.0	135.8	143.0
Oct	123.5	0.0	2.4	124.6	107.0	121.6	113.9	143.9	125.3	133.7	143.3
Nov	123.7	0.2	2.4	125.5	107.2	121.8	113.9	144.5	125.9	132.7	142.8
Dec	123.5	-0.2	2.2	125.9	107.1	122.5	109.8	144.1	126.1	132.5	142.9
2005											
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2	2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2	2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6	2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2	1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
June	125.4	0.2	1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9
July	125.7	0.2	1.9	126.8	108.2	124.1	113.9	148.8	128.4	135.4	145.0
Aug	125.9	0.2	2.1	126.6	108.1	123.9	111.7	151.4	128.3	135.1	145.4
Sep	126.5	0.5	2.4	125.5	108.5	124.6	113.3	154.1	127.8	136.2	145.4
Oct	126.3	-0.2	2.3	126.6	109.7	123.5	111.2	151.6	127.7	134.8	145.3
Nov	126.2	-0.1	2.0	126.9	109.6	123.7	111.5	150.9	128.6	134.1	145.5
Dec	125.7	-0.4	1.8	127.4	109.5	122.7	110.4	149.2	128.4	133.7	145.3

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	119.0	2.6		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2005	127.3	2.2		128.0	124.2	115.8	102.6	150.7	120.8	127.4	147.2
2004		Month	Year								
Jan	122.9	0.1	1.2	123.7	118.7	114.9	102.3	142.2	117.7	125.3	140.8
Feb	123.2	0.2	0.7	123.4	119.0	115.2	104.0	141.9	117.7	126.6	141.1
Mar	123.6	0.3	0.7	123.6	119.0	115.3	105.3	142.8	118.3	127.3	141.3
Apr	123.9	0.2	1.6	123.4	119.6	115.6	103.8	143.5	119.0	127.1	142.2
May	125.0	0.9	2.5	124.4	119.8	115.4	102.8	148.2	119.0	128.4	143.4
Jun	125.1	0.1	2.5	125.6	120.3	115 0	101.9	147.1	119.1	128.5	144.0
Jul	125.0	-0.1	2.3	125.6	120.6	114.9	100.9	146.2	119.2	128.9	144.2
Aug	124.8	-0.2	1.9	125.3	120.9	115.0	101.8	144.7	118.8	128.6	144.7
Sep	124.9	0.1	1.8	124.7	121.2	115.4	104.9	143.7	119.2	129.4	144.6
Oct	125.2	0.2	2.3	125.3	121.8	115.0	105.4	144.6	119.1	128.4	144.5
Nov	125.7	0.4	2.4	126.6	122.2	115.1	103.2	146.7	118.8	127.4	144.7
Dec	125.4	-0.2	2.1	127.2	122.3	115.3	100.8	145.8	119.1	126.9	144.5
2005											
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4	2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6	2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3	2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1	1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
June	127.2	0.2	1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7
July	127.5	0.2	2.0	128.6	124.5	115.7	100.9	150.3	121.5	128.5	147.7
Aug	128.0	0.4	2.6	128.5	124.4	115.8	102.2	153.1	121.1	128.4	148.0
Sep	129.1	0.9	3.4	127.3	125.2	116.2	105.8	157.0	121.1	129.1	148.3
Oct	128.5	-0.5	2.6	127.7	126.0	115.7	104.5	153.3	121.2	128.0	147.9
Nov	128.2	-0.2	2.0	128.4	126.1	116.2	101.8	152.2	121.7	127.1	148.3
Dec	128.1	-0.1	2.2	129.3	125.7	116.2	100.4	152.1	121.5	126.6	147.5

December 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

		Rented Accommodation	Owned Accommodation	Energy for Dwellings: Piped Gas	Energy for Dwellings: Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Energy for Dwellings: Electricity[1]	Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
	2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
	2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
	2005	116.2	95.6	236.2	213.7	112.2	184.3	167.4	125.1	122.4	121.6
2004	Jan	115.3	92.0	215.9	150.0	107.0	141.1	140.8	120.1	118.0	118.2
	Feb	115.4	92.3	215.9	153.1	107.0	150.2	145.3	120.9	118.4	118.8
	Mar	115.5	92.2	215.9	162.8	107.0	156.1	148.5	121.2	118.8	118.9
	Apr	115.8	92.9	215.9	160.0	114.0	163.8	155.3	122.1	119.6	119.3
	May	115.8	93.0	215.9	171.3	114.0	180.9	164.0	123.3	120.6	119.9
	Jun	115.8	93.1	215.9	171.3	114.0	179.7	163.4	123.2	120.8	119.9
	Jul	115.8	93.2	223.2	171.3	114.0	169.4	158.9	123.1	120.6	120.2
	Aug	115.9	93.4	223.2	171.3	114.0	170.9	159.6	123.1	120.5	120.1
	Sep	115.9	93.8	223.2	177.1	114.0	169.2	158.9	123.5	120.7	120.6
	Oct	115.9	94.4	223.5	183.1	114.4	170.5	159.9	123.3	120.7	120.2
	Nov	116.0	94.5	223.5	188.9	114.4	162.6	156.2	123.3	120.9	120.6
	Dec	116.0	94.7	226.1	179.7	112.2	156.4	152.2	123.0	120.7	120.6
2005	Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
	Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
	Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
	Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
	May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
	June	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7
	July	116.2	95.7	235.0	203.3	112.2	186.3	168.0	125.4	122.8	121.9
	Aug	116.2	95.6	235.0	203.3	112.2	198.6	174.0	125.7	123.0	121.7
	Sep	116.2	95.8	235.0	240.0	112.2	215.6	183.2	126.7	123.7	122.0
	Oct	116.3	97.0	259.5	248.8	112.2	201.7	178.4	126.2	123.4	121.9
	Nov	116.3	96.9	259.5	244.0	112.2	183.3	169.5	126.0	123.3	122.4
	Dec	116.3	96.9	259.5	221.9	112.5	174.4	164.7	125.4	122.9	122.1

[1] electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA

		Rented Accommodation	Owned Accommodation	Energy for Dwellings: Piped Gas	Energy for Dwellings: Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Energy for Dwellings: Electricity	Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
	2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
	2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
	2005	119.4	117.5	229.9	209.2	125.4	168.7	163.8	127.3	127.4	123.7
2004	Jan	118.0	112.5	204.7	154.3	118.5	134.6	138.9	122.8	123.0	121.1
	Feb	118.0	112.7	208.6	160.3	118.6	139.2	141.9	123.2	123.3	121.2
	Mar	118.1	112.8	203.3	160.5	118.5	142.9	143.3	123.7	123.7	121.6
	Apr	118.2	113.1	209.9	156.8	122.4	145.0	146.2	124.0	123.9	121.7
	May	118.3	113.3	209.1	159.1	122.4	164.7	156.2	125.1	125.1	122.0
	Jun	118.4	113.5	225.9	159.1	122.4	159.2	154.8	125.0	125.1	122.0
	Jul	118.4	113.9	225.5	159.1	123.3	153.6	152.3	124.9	125.0	122.2
	Aug	118.7	114.1	228.9	159.1	123.4	153.1	152.4	124.7	124.8	121.9
	Sep	118.7	114.4	226.8	168.0	123.4	151.2	151.7	125.0	125.0	122.3
	Oct	118.8	115.5	210.0	183.6	123.8	158.4	154.9	125.3	125.3	122.3
	Nov	118.9	115.8	213.5	193.7	123.8	150.5	151.7	125.5	125.7	122.9
	Dec	119.0	116.1	212.7	187.0	123.5	142.7	147.3	125.2	125.5	122.9
2005	Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
	Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
	Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
	Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
	May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
	June	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6
	July	119.4	117.6	236.8	202.4	126.7	172.5	166.3	127.4	127.5	123.5
	Aug	119.6	117.6	228.9	202.4	126.7	183.8	171.4	128.0	128.1	123.7
	Sep	119.7	117.8	245.9	230.1	126.7	203.6	184.2	129.5	129.1	124.2
	Oct	119.8	118.7	250.3	236.8	127.0	185.4	175.8	128.7	128.5	124.1
	Nov	119.8	119.0	253.4	228.6	126.7	164.6	165.1	128.3	128.3	124.6
	Dec	119.9	119.3	238.0	217.3	125.5	163.6	162.3	127.9	128.2	124.5

** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

December 2005 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2002	118.6	1.8	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2003	121.0	2.0	105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
2004	123.4	2.0	107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
2005	125.7	1.9	108.7	116.1	96.1	164.2
		Month / Year				
2004						
Jan	121.3	-0.2 / 1.3	105.5	115.2	93.0	154.0
Feb	121.8	0.4 / 1.2	105.9	115.3	93.6	154.1
Mar	122.2	0.3 / 0.8	105.8	115.4	93.4	154.2
Apr	123.0	0.7 / 1.7	106.9	115.6	94.0	161.5
May	124.0	0.8 / 2.6	106.9	115.7	94.0	161.7
Jun	124.1	0.1 / 2.7	107.0	115.7	94.1	161.7
Jul	123.9	-0.2 / 2.5	107.1	115.7	94.2	163.1
Aug	124.0	0.1 / 2.1	107.2	115.7	94.3	163.1
Sep	124.1	0.1 / 1.9	107.5	115.7	94.6	163.0
Oct	124.2	0.1 / 2.4	108.0	115.8	95.2	163.6
Nov	124.2	0.0 / 2.3	108.1	115.9	95.4	163.7
Dec	124.2	0.0 / 2.1	108.1	115.9	95.7	160.9
2005						
Jan	124.3	0.1 / 2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
Feb	124.4	0.1 / 2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
Mar	124.8	0.3 / 2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
Apr	125.4	0.5 / 2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
May	125.7	0.2 / 1.4	108.3	116.1	95.6	162.2
June	125.9	0.2 / 1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2
July	126.3	0.3 / 1.9	108.8	116.2	96.3	163.9
Aug	126.4	0.1 / 1.9	108.8	116.2	96.2	163.9
Sep	126.7	0.2 / 2.1	108.6	116.2	95.9	164.2
Oct	126.5	-0.2 / 1.9	109.9	116.2	97.2	168.7
Nov	126.4	-0.1 / 1.8	109.8	116.3	97.1	168.6
Dec	126.1	-0.2 / 1.5	109.7	116.3	97.0	168.4

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
2002	117.4	1.2	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2003	120.0	2.2	102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
2004	122.8	2.3	106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
2005	125.5	2.2	109.2	116.0	98.3	140.2
		Month / Year				
2004						
Jan	120.6	-0.1 / 1.6	104.0	114.9	93.5	125.5
Feb	121.0	0.3 / 1.5	104.2	114.9	93.7	126.0
Mar	121.3	0.2 / 1.0	104.2	115.0	93.4	127.8
Apr	122.2	0.7 / 1.9	105.6	115.2	94.5	133.2
May	123.2	0.8 / 2.8	105.9	115.3	94.7	135.0
Jun	123.5	0.2 / 3.2	106.0	115.3	94.9	135.0
Jul	123.3	-0.2 / 2.7	106.2	115.3	95.1	135.2
Aug	123.3	0.0 / 2.3	106.3	115.5	95.2	135.2
Sep	123.6	0.2 / 2.3	106.8	115.5	95.9	135.1
Oct	123.6	0.0 / 2.7	107.4	115.4	96.4	137.3
Nov	123.8	0.2 / 2.7	107.7	115.7	96.6	138.1
Dec	123.6	-0.2 / 2.4	107.5	116.0	96.7	135.0
2005						
Jan	123.6	0.0 / 2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
Feb	123.9	0.2 / 2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
Mar	124.3	0.3 / 2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
Apr	125.1	0.6 / 2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
May	125.4	0.2 / 1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
June	125.6	0.2 / 1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5
July	125.9	0.2 / 2.1	109.0	115.9	98.2	139.5
Aug	126.0	0.1 / 2.2	108.9	115.8	98.1	139.5
Sep	126.8	0.6 / 2.6	110.0	115.9	99.1	142.6
Oct	126.7	-0.1 / 2.5	111.1	116.0	100.3	145.2
Nov	126.6	-0.1 / 2.3	111.0	116.0	100.3	143.8
Dec	126.1	-0.4 / 2.0	110.7	116.1	100.2	141.6

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